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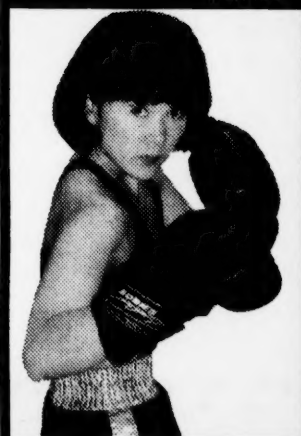
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Come blow your horns — Or beat your drums, as the case may be. Andover High students who will be playing next weekend with the U.S. Air Force Band of Liberty include, front, from left, Fei Huang and Sean Higgins. In the rear, from left, are Justin Lau, Ogechi Ibe and Juliet Grabowski.

The Force will be with them

Six Andover High School student musicians will join the ranks of the world-renowned U.S. Air Force Band of Liberty at their performance next weekend.

The band performs Friday and Saturday, April 16 and 17, at the Collins Center at Andover High School. Each night six students, three from Andover and three from North Andover, will join the band for a portion of the show.

Andover students on the stage Friday night will be junior Juliet Grabowski on clarinet, senior Sean Higgins on trumpet and senior Susan Provencher on flute.

The Saturday performance will include AHS freshman Fei Huang on tuba, sophomore Ogechi Ibe on French horn and senior Justin Lau on percussion.

Some of the students plan to pursue music as a career, others are undecided, but they all say they are excited to have a chance to play with one of the world's best bands.

"It's inspiring to be with such high-quality musicians," says Grabowski. "I hope some of their energy rubs off on me."

Higgins played in the band at their concert in Andover two years ago.

"They made me feel really wel-

come. It's a wonderful experience that they let us play with them," he says.

Higgins, who specializes in jazz trumpet, says he is considering a career in music through South Carolina University or North Florida University.

Huang, a freshman, says he is involved in just about every musical activity offered at the high school, and often practices at home.

"It's a good chance to hear one of the best bands in America," Huang says.

Percussionist Lau once played with a band from UMass, and enjoyed playing with the pros. "It should be a challenge, but I'm looking forward to it," he says of the upcoming show with the Band of Liberty.

Lau has been playing music since elementary school, but says he only became serious about it in the last few years.

Andover High Band Director Mark Napierkowski says this year six students volunteered for the six slots. Other years, he has had to hold auditions or choose students by seniority.

Napierkowski also tries to choose the students who are interested in making music their

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NEWS IN BRIEF

United Way head launches Kosovo relief effort

Inspired by his own memories of hiding from the Nazi Gestapo in Holland during World War II, Merrimack Valley United Way Director James Vanderpol has launched a relief effort for refugees in Kosovo.

Now 74, the Plaistow, N.H. resident was 19 when he went underground in 1943 to avoid capture by the Nazis. And he recalls how much it meant to him to receive food from the Red Cross.

The relief effort is called Operation Necessity, and the Merrimack Valley United Way has promised to turn all contributions over to United Way International, without collecting any administrative fee.

Millie Vogel, owner of the Taylor Shop on Barnard Street, was one of the first to donate, according to the United Way's Chris Young.

"I read about the Kosovo appeal. I was alone. I wept," she said. Vogel said she gave in honor of her grandmother and aunts and uncles who died in the Nazi Holocaust. She said her mother's mother and sisters as well as her father's sisters and brothers were killed by the Nazis.

"I watch those pictures on the TV and I cry," she said.

The organization prefers donations made by check to United Way of Merrimack Valley Inc., mailed or delivered to United Way, 430 N. Canal St., Lawrence, MA 01842. The agency will also accept credit card donations by phone from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Visa, MasterCard and American Express. Call (978) 682-5296.

Route 125 forum set

State Rep. Barry R. Finegold and state Senator Susan C. Tucker, both of Andover, invite residents along Route 125 to share their concerns regarding the recently installed and proposed traffic lights along the road at a forum Wednesday, April 14, at

7:30 p.m. at the Doherty Middle School Memorial Auditorium on Bartlet Street.

Giant 'Earth Day' yard sale set

The Department of Community Services will sponsor a giant Earth Day yard sale Saturday, April 10, in the Park from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. "Support National Earth Day by participating as a seller or shipper.

Recycle by cleaning out your garage, cellar and attic. Your trash is someone's treasure," says DCS program coordinator Mary Donohue.

Reserve a 10-foot spot by calling Donohue at DCS by noon Friday, April 9. The cost is \$10, set up is at 8 a.m., bring your own table.

A trash dumpster will be provided for participants who do not want to pack up at the end of the day.

Rain date is Saturday, April 24.

NEWS CALENDAR

Thursday, April 8

Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, second-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Commission on Disabilities, second floor, Town Offices, 5 p.m.

Andover Housing Authority, 100 Morton Street, 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 10

Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, deliberations from petitions of April 8, second-floor conference room, 10 a.m.

Monday, April 12

Board of Selectmen, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

Board of Health, first-floor conference room, Town Offices, 6 p.m.

Commission on Disabilities, second-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7 p.m.

Senior Center Building Committee, Senior Center cafeteria, 7 p.m.

Council on Aging, special meeting,

Senior Center, 8 a.m.

Senior Center Implementation Committee, Senior Center, 7:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 13

Planning Board, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7 p.m.

School Committee, School Committee Room, School Administration Building, executive session, 6:30 p.m., regular meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Preservation Commission, second-floor conference room, Town Offices, 5:30 p.m.

Merrimack Valley Residents for the Environment, educational forum, "Learn how the proposed Dracut power plant will affect you," West Parish Church, corner of Route 133 and Reservation Road, 7 p.m.

Andover Contributory Retirement Board, third-floor conference room, 3 p.m.

Thursday, April 15

Merrimack Valley Advisory Committee, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 8 p.m.

Quote, unquote . . .

"I have no patience for people who rationalize boy aggression as 'boys will be boys.' Aggression is culturally driven."

Michael Thompson, teacher, counselor and author, who will speak at a Parent to Parent forum tonight.

"They're taking away my freedom."

Andover High freshman Angelica Rotsart, who is challenging the school's decision not to allow her to try out for the baseball team.

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career, to give them a chance to play with a professional band.

"What they are listening for — everything I'm talking about — it's all right there," he says.

Tech. Sgt. Todd Nicholls, tour manager and musician with the Air Force band, says band usually asks local high schools for volunteer musicians to give students a chance to play with them, and sometimes have dinner and socialize a bit.

"It's fun for us," he says.

The Air Force has 10 professional bands playing all around the world. The Band of Liberty is based in the New England area, he says. Of all the professional musicians who play in U.S. Air Force bands, 85 percent of them hold degrees in music, Nicholls says, making them some of the most highly educat-

ed members of the Air Force.

The chance to become a U.S. Air Force band member is competitive, Nicholls says. For their band alone, they received nearly 160 requests for auditions last year, auditioned 15 and chose only seven, he says.

Before he played in the Band of Liberty, Nicholls played in a U.S. Air Force Band in the northwest United States. The Air Force also has bands based in Japan, Germany, Alaska and Hawaii and the Midwest.

— Rebecca Lipchitz

Helping to bag the litter problem

It's spring, and the hats and mittens are going into storage. The flowers are blooming. There's daylight after supper. And that means it's ever so much easier to take the dog for a run at the park.

And that means it's ever so much easier for — well, let's just call it increased litter — to become a problem. You probably don't need a photo, or a much more detailed description than that.



Photo by Carol Van Doren

Bag it — Shawsheen resident Thomas Neil is trying to make it easy for dog owners to clean up after their pets.

But it might be useful to hear longtime Shawsheen resident Thomas Neil give you some statistics. He walks lower Shawsheen field every day, and says that a couple of weeks ago, he counted more than 250 "deposits" from dogs on the ground.

But Neil, who is retired from

the former Lawrence Gas Co. (Now Bay State Gas Co.), decided to do something constructive instead of simply complaining about it.

"I had been out in Denver last November," he says, "and they have the same problem in Washington Park. But they started putting plastic bottles full of plastic bags on posts around the park, and it's made a real difference."

Neil went to see Mary Donohue of the town's Department of Community Services, asked her if she would mind if he put up something similar at Lower Shawsheen and immediately got the OK.

There are now three bottles up, stuffed with plastic bags, and Neil says he knows at least some of them have been used. "I've got one at each entrance, where the signs are."

The signs warn dog owners that they could face a \$25 to \$50 fine if they don't clean up after their animals. But that seems to have had little effect.

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Defective, not detective**1 million CO units recalled****By Neil Fater**

If you bought a Kidde Safety carbon monoxide detector recently, you should know that the alarm may be defective rather than detective.

Two types of Kidde carbon monoxide alarms have been recalled by the company and the Consumer Product Safety Commission, says Andover Deputy Fire Chief Robert Boush.

"They're recalling about 1 million carbon monoxide alarms," he says.

"The point is, if you're not aware of it, you assume it's functioning," says Boush. "It gives you a false sense of security."

The North Carolina company is recalling 650,000 Nighthawk and 350,000 Lifesaver alarms.

Specifically, Nighthawk units manufactured between Nov. 8, 1998 and March 9, 1999 are being recalled.

Lifesaver models 9CO-1 and 9CO-1C manufactured between June 1, 1997 and Jan. 31, 1998

have also been recalled.

Manufacturing dates can be found on the back of alarms. However, if the words "carbon monoxide detector" are written on the front of a Nighthawk unit, then it's fine, says a release.

People with recalled models can call the Kidde company toll free at (888) 543-3346 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week. The company will send such alarm owners a postage-paid envelope in which to return the alarm for inspection and possible repair.

Carbon monoxide is poisonous and can kill human body cells. It also replaces oxygen in the bloodstream, leading to suffocation. Although carbon monoxide detectors are not required by state fire codes, Boush says more businesses and homes have the detectors than in previous years.

"They're becoming more predominant. In some of the new homes they put them in as a matter of routine," he says.

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"I'm hoping this will make it easier for people," Ryan says. "Maybe they can even do something like this in the other parks in town."

— Taylor Armerding

Gubernatorial foray here?

Around here, the only Democrat who gets much notice as a potential gubernatorial contender is Fifth District Congressman Martin Meehan.

But Senate President Thomas Birmingham will give at least a few area residents a chance to think about somebody else later this month.

Andover attorney Al Zappala, perhaps better known for a passionate interest in sports (he was owner of the Merrimack Valley Outlaws semi-pro football team for five years), will host a private reception for Birmingham at the Andover Inn on April 21, which he says is simply a chance for some area officials and other residents to "get to meet him face to face."

Zappala says this is not meant to be the launching of a campaign, but that if Birmingham does choose to run for governor, he'd be an outstanding candidate.

His friendship with Birmingham goes back 30 years, to their days at Austin Prep, where he says Birmingham was a standout three-sport athlete. "He was probably the best athlete to come out of that school," he says.

He believes that talent and skill extend to

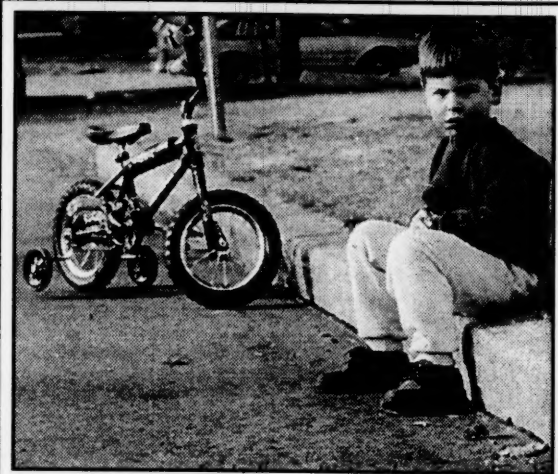


Photo by Carol Van Doren

Spring break — William Stahley, 2½, of Andover, takes a little time to relax in the sun while learning to ride his two-wheeler. The bikes were out in force this week, as warm weather finally kicked in.

politics. "He's an enormously talented guy," Zappala says, noting that besides undergraduate and law degrees from Harvard, and study at Oxford on a Rhodes scholarship, the Chelsea Democrat was "born and brought up in the city," has a feel for the streets and a real connection to blue-collar workers.

Zappala says he's not an intensely partisan person. "I've got friends on both sides of the aisle," he says, "but Tommy is one person whose name I'd be proud to have associated with me."

Not that he lacks other political connections.

His former law partner is Methuen state Rep. Arthur Broadhurst, he grew up with state Sen. Jim Jajuga, also of Methuen, and his cousin is North Andover state Rep. David Torrisi.

"We're all sports fans," he says. "That's what we have in common."

Zappala says that, whether he's a gubernatorial candidate or not, it is good to have Birmingham visit the area. "It's good for the Valley to have the senate president up here," he says.

— Taylor Armerding

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Kathy Iminski, Teacher, Bradstreet School

Nora Jean Twomey

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AHS freshman takes case from the diamond to the courts

By Rebecca Lipchitz

When Angelica Rotsart was told she couldn't try out for baseball because she is a girl, she decided to step up to the plate for girls like her everywhere. She's taking her case to court.

Rotsart filed a complaint with the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) when she was told to try out for softball instead of baseball.

Rotsart, a freshman at Andover High School wrote to the *Townsmen* in January about her plight ("A diamond is her best friend," *Townsmen*, Jan. 28).

"I wasn't just writing that (letter) to complain. I wanted to show them I still wanted to play," she says.

She was turned away from freshman baseball team tryouts two weeks ago, but with the

exception of two or three people heckling her, people encouraged her to try out, she says.

"Everyone was really nice. Even some people who I thought didn't think it was a good idea said 'You should try out,'" she says.

Joseph Fitzgibbons agrees.



Rotsart — Foul ball.

Methuen attorney is representing Rotsart in her complaint against the MIAA. The case is expected to be heard Tuesday in Superior Court in Lawrence.

If the court proceedings move quickly enough, she may get a spot on this year's freshman team, she says.

Fitzgibbons sees the MIAA rule that softball and baseball are separate but equal as a violation of the equal rights amendment.

"We contend that they are not the same," he says.

Such rules have been challenged on the federal level and in other states, but not as yet in Massachusetts, he says.

"It's not really breaking any

new ground," Fitzgibbons says.

Most challenges of similar rules in the country lead to a bending of the rules in girls' favor, he says, citing the case of Little League.

Rotsart herself has played for Little League, usually as a first baseman, consistently hitting better than .300, she says.

She doesn't plan to do much talking in court, but not because she not ready to fight.

"I'm not going to say anything. Hopefully I'll understand what they're talking about," she says of the upcoming legal battle. "It is against the law. They're taking away my freedom," she says.

Annual Town Meeting starts April 26

The annual Town Meeting will be held Monday and Tuesday, April 26 and 27, in the Andover High field house on Shawsheen Road. If necessary, the meeting will reconvene Monday and Tuesday, May 10 and 11, in the Collins Center to complete the warrant.

The entrance to the meeting will be through the main entrance of Andover High. All election check-in officials will be in the main lobby. Voters may not enter the meeting without checking with their precinct election official. Check-in officials will be in the lobby of the Collins Center May 10 and 11. Parking will be available in the high school's main lot, West Middle School lot, Collins Center lot and behind the field house.

Handicap parking will be available in front of the high school entrance and designated areas of the parking lots.

Anyone not registered to vote who wishes to attend Town Meeting should report to an

election official so they can be seated in the non-voting section. The last day to register was March 4.

Day Care at Night will be available for children ages 5-12. Registration is mandatory by Thursday, April 22, through the Department of Community Services for a nightly fee of \$5 per child. For more information, call 623-8274.

Children will not be allowed to enter the voting section. Parents should use the Day Care at Night program or speak to an election official about sitting in the non-voter section.

Sign language interpreters, material on tape and other auxiliary aides and services will be provided upon request to ensure effective communications as specified in the Americans With Disabilities Act. Make requests by Friday, April 16, to ADA Coordinator, Andover Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., Andover 01810, or at 623-8530 or TDD 623-8333.

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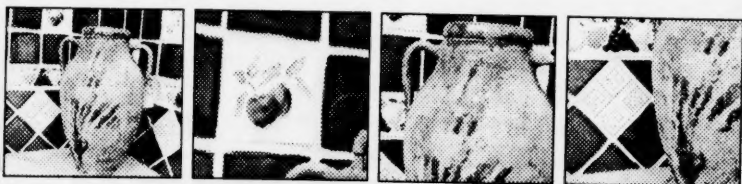


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Give help to the victims

The relief effort launched this week by the United Way of the Merrimack Valley to assist the victims of the war in Kosovo and Yugoslavia not only offers residents a chance, regardless of their political leanings, to help other suffering humans.

For that reason alone, it is an effort that should prompt us all to contribute. Another reason is that, in this case, every cent contributed will go to the region. The area United Way chapter will deduct no administrative fees, and send the money to several organizations in the region.

But how the effort began is also an illustration of how important it is to maintain our links to the past, and to learn from them.

"Operation Necessity" began through the efforts of James Vanderpol, director of the Merrimack Valley's chapter of the United Way.

Clearly, Vanderpol is already a charitable individual, given his position. But he's also a human link to one of the most horrific chapters in history — the Nazi Holocaust. He was there. As a teen-ager, he had to go underground to survive. He lived on something close to a starvation diet. And he remembers vividly what it meant to have a relief agency like the Red Cross supply something as simple as a loaf of bread.

Those memories mean that he can empathize with Albanians who have been driven from their homes in ways that those born after World War II simply cannot. They also provide a powerful motivation to help. He knows their suffering first-hand.

It has been said many times that the lessons of history are always just one generation from extinction. In other words, if the elders in a society don't pass things on to their youth, or if the youth don't listen, those lessons are lost.

Vanderpol is the teacher in this case. More than 50 years after the fact, the memories and the pain are sharp enough to move him to reach out to those half a world away. Fortunately, he is in a position to encourage others to move as well.

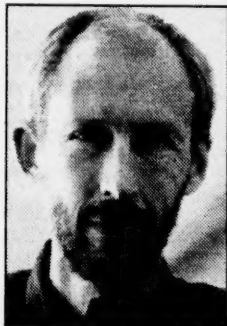
And those of us who are younger, whatever our politics, must listen, because through people like him, we can better hear the cries of the innocent, who are usually the ones who suffer the most in situations like this.



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

European greetings — About a dozen German exchange students said goodbye yesterday, Wednesday, after spending two weeks in Andover. They were hosted by Andover High students who have been studying German with teacher Maria Meyer (right). Most of them spent their February vacation visiting Germany. German teachers with the group were Edith Adamy (left) and Gabby Wedel (fifth from left, standing).

You've got to give them credit — lots of credit



Taylor Armerding

Welcome to more tales from "the world is upside down" file, where this week's installment comes courtesy of the credit card industry.

I had been ruminating about credit in recent weeks, since local officials have been discussing, debating and yes, even struggling a bit over proposals that will extend the community's debt.

Such a struggle is a worthy exercise, I had thought. It's good to be concerned about borrowing too much. After all, most of the financial wisdom we've been taught since we were small has tended to fall into familiar mantras. "You can only spend money once ... You can't spend more than you earn, at least not without getting in trouble ... Don't live beyond your means ... Don't carry a balance on your credit cards."

And in general, even while enjoying the instant gratification that credit brings, most people tend to believe that more conservative advice, whether we're talking about individuals, corporations or municipalities. Of course

states and the federal government are another matter.

You probably have to visit the Amish to find an adult who doesn't carry a credit card. But I've yet to hear anybody argue that it's a great thing to be paying 18 to 20 percent on borrowed money. Those who admit to it usually get a rather sheepish grin on their faces — either that or an embarrassed display of outright anger at themselves for essentially giving their money away.

But now comes word that they're the hot prospects in the credit industry, and I'm a dinosaur in yet another way. Worse than that, actually. People who pay off their credit card balances every month are now known in the industry as "deadbeats."

That's right. People who pay their bills are deadbeats. Those who don't are prized clients.

Not that it bothers me, personally, you know. I'm OK. I'm really, really OK. I'm a member of the Stewart Small-ey club, and doggone it, people like me, even if I do pay off my credit cards every month.

But I have to admit that it feels a bit weird to be classified as a deadbeat just for being a good boy and doing what every financial counselor tells people to do if they want to get their finances under control.

I have to admit I'm not thrilled at the prospect of punitive annual fees being levied against those of us who refuse to let our balances "revolve" (i.e. pile-up).

And I really have to admit that I think there's a screw loose somewhere in a system where what's bad is now good, and what's good is now bad.

People complain from time to time about being treated like a number. This takes it to a whole new level. In this brave new world, not only are you a number, but your value to these vendors is strictly in a more important number — how many dollars in interest they can rip off of you every month.

And that makes it a no brainer. According to a story this past weekend on the credit industry, if you run up about \$3,500 in credit during a month and pay it all off, the card company makes about \$35 in transaction fees. But if you don't pay it off, the company is looking at \$300 to \$350 in interest — 10 times the transaction fees.

So the hot credit companies — the ones making the biggest bucks — are the ones chasing people who are in turn already being chased by other credit companies for tens of thousands of dollars in delinquent payments.

Why? Because they can demand even higher interest rates from people who are already in hock and desperate for plastic — 20 percent, 25 percent, even higher. They can hammer them with late fees. And they can tack on a compulsory credit "insurance" fee each month, so if the person doesn't pay off, they can still recoup their money.

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Letters

Anecdotes not enough on gambling

Editor, *Townsmen*:

The column by Taylor Armerding ("Don't bet on casinos or anything else," *Townsmen*, March 25) and the letter to the editor by Kathi Chang ("Gambling invades social structure," *Townsmen*, April 1) encourage readers to consider the following question: when does a pound of anecdote yield an ounce of proof?

Citing state Senator Susan Tucker, Armerding and Chang fall prey to anecdotes. Things are not always as they appear. Armerding is correct when he reminds us that gambling — whether casino, lottery, or charitable — is gambling. However, all three social observers suggest that casinos cost more than they bring in, require costly social services, and produce more crime than jobs. They also suggest that gambling causes addiction.

I don't want to be an apologist for gambling or its associated public and private industries — after all, there are problems associated with gambling-related activities. I do, however, want to explore the evidence for these claims. Each of these questions can be subjected to scientific inquiry, and are not simply a matter of opinion. These questions are complex, and too often we reduce them to overly simplistic truths. Last year, the prestigious National Academy of Sciences convened a committee of its National Research Council to study the social and economic impact of pathological gambling. After examining the existing scientific evidence, here are some excerpts from the committee's recently released findings.

"Overall, the committee found that much of the available research on all aspects of pathological gambling is of limited scientific value. Our conclusions are greatly influenced by a relatively small body of newer, better research that meets or exceeds contemporary standards for social and behavior research."

• "... in a given year, 0.9 percent of adults in the United States, or 1.8 million, are pathological gamblers."

• "... in a given year, as many as 1.1 million adolescents between the ages of 12 and 18 are pathological gamblers."

• "Pervasive methodological problems prevent firm conclusions about the social and economic effects of gambling or pathological gambling on communities..."

• "Gambling appears to have net economic benefits for economically depressed communities, but the available data are insufficient to determine with accuracy the overall costs and benefits of gambling."

• "Pathological gambling often occurs with other behavioral problems, including substance abuse, mood disorders, and personality disorders."

• "... the committee could not determine how legalized gambling affects

Andover needs new schools

Editor, *Townsmen*:

At the upcoming Town Meeting, our community will vote on Warrant Article 19. This article requests \$2,517,000 for architectural and engineering design and site plans for two new schools — an elementary school (grades K-5) and a middle school (grades 6-8) — to be built in West Andover at Cross Street and High Plain Road.

We urge you to attend Town Meeting on April 26 to cast your vote. Before you vote, we urge you to learn about the conditions in our schools. All five elementary schools and both middle schools are severely overcrowded. The elementary schools reached full capacity in 1991, and the middle schools in 1993.

In the ensuing years, we have had to create additional classrooms by eliminating art and music rooms, using auditorium stages as classrooms, and building walls to make two rooms from one. Some music classes now meet in hallways. Some art teachers set up their classes each day in cafeterias or carry their supplies on portable carts ("Art on a Cart"). Currently our middle school foreign language teachers have no classrooms of their own, and must travel from room to room every day.

Many students and their teachers have had to make major sacrifices. To deal with the more serious overcrowding, the district was forced to purchase six temporary portable classrooms, four for Bancroft and two for Sanborn,

but these do not alleviate the overcrowding on our core facilities — cafeterias, media centers, gyms, and auditoriums. For this important reason, portables are not the long-term answer.

In truth, overcrowding has reached the point where our ability to meet the educational needs of our children is jeopardized. The overcrowding comes at a time when our teachers are required to implement a more demanding curriculum in order to meet much higher standards and benchmarks. Our overcrowding comes when our students must prepare for the very challenging state test, the MCAS.

We know that this community is proud of its schools. We know that in the past, our town has supported building new schools when asked. The time has come again when this community needs to support our children, their parents and our teachers.

Even if you do not have children who will be impacted, all of us are affected by the quality of our schools, because all of us are the beneficiaries of a well educated, skilled populace.

As we know, our schools and children are our future. We are hopeful that we together will decide to make our future brighter and more promising by voting in support of Warrant Article 19.

Dr. Claudia L. Bach
Andover Schools Superintendent
Marinel D. McGrath
Assistant Superintendent

community or national rates of suicide and crime."

There we have it: scientific uncertainty about economic benefits or harms, suicide or crime.

Gambling has expanded and then receded on two previous occasions during the history of the United States. It probably will recede again. Given its 5,000-year history, it is doubtful that gambling will disappear. Gambling is likely to have an impact on the fabric of our society, but the best scientific evidence now suggests that like hula hoops, language labs, and transcendental meditation, the long-term impact of this social phenomenon remains uncertain and unclear.

Anyone who has experienced the tragic consequences of disordered gambling and its sequelae knows the problem is overwhelming and destructive. Nevertheless, while isolated anecdotes are interesting, they often fail to yield a substantive understanding of complex social trends.

Interested readers can review the findings of the National Research Council in its forthcoming publication, *Pathological Gambling: A Critical Review*. This

volume is available from the National Academy Press (www.nap.edu).

Howard J. Shaffer, Ph.D., C.A.S.
Andover

(The writer is associate professor and director, Division on Addictions, Harvard Medical School; member National Research Council Committee to Study the Social and Economic Impact of Pathological Gambling; and president, American Academy of Health Care Providers in the Addictive Disorders)

Make our town sidewalks a priority

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I have been a member of the Downtown Andover Neighborhood Association (DANA) for two years. A major concern of the group has been the deteriorating sidewalks in our downtown residential neighborhoods.

Why is sidewalk restoration important for Andover?

Part of the issue is aesthetic — the vitality of the Central Business District and surrounding streets is a key factor in maintaining the "character" of Andover

and should be important to the whole town.

However, there is also the question of public safety. Recent Andover studies have demonstrated that young families with children are moving to the greater downtown area. One has only to look at the need for school expansion to verify this. Hence we have an increased population within a walking community. In addition, there exists increased traffic flow. Planning for sidewalks with curbing and traffic-calming ideas will ensure the safety of our residents.

What has the town done to ensure the public safety of its residents in the downtown area?

By the town's own admission, the maintenance of sidewalks has been neglected for years. One has only to walk around the neighborhoods to note the decay.

DANA has been working quietly with town officials to develop a plan to restore sidewalks in the greater downtown area. During this year, in earlier budgetary discussions, town officials were apparently keen to commit \$400,000 into the operating budget for the restoration of sidewalks. We applauded this effort.

However, at \$400,00 per year it would take the town approximately 15 years to complete renovation of sidewalks to adequate standards. (It is estimated the total project will cost \$6 million).

We recommended a six- to eight-year plan, and thus initiated Town Warrant Article 82, proposing an additional \$400,000 this year to accelerate the sidewalk restoration project. We would return each year to town meeting to update Andover residents of its progress.

Astonishingly, when the final operating budget appeared, the town withdrew its \$400,000 for sidewalk restoration. As a result this year's operating budget has zero dollars for restoration of sidewalks. This demonstrates that most town officials do not take this issue seriously, and refuse to prioritize the residents' needs in any sort of meaningful fashion.

Instead, the town has authored its own Article 80, for \$400,000 for the construction and reconstruction of its sidewalks — language that does not obligate the town to put a single dollar toward the renovation of sidewalks, nor does it provide a time line, i.e. they could spend this money over a number of years to do one or two sidewalks.

The net result is that we are left with two town articles for sidewalks. One sponsored by the town (80) and one by DANA (82). There exists no money in the operating budget for sidewalk restoration. Thus, without passage of these articles there will be no money available at all for sidewalk restoration.

A second DANA article (81) calls for a simple plan providing an itinerary of sidewalks to be renovated with a time frame for their start and proposed completion over the next six to eight years. Such a plan would be worked out by

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town officials and resident representatives who live in neighborhoods with sidewalks. Town officials have characterized this proposal as "bureaucratic," and stated they would "hate to be pinned down." This plan is by no means rigid, providing a general guideline only for how and when our tax dollars are spent.

Residents should not have to fight or beg to have their tax dollars spent on what should be routine and obligatory town services. There is little hesitation to endorse a \$27-million sewer project by town officials, of which \$9 million will be paid by the greater downtown residents already on sewer lines. However, when the greater downtown residents ask for \$400,000 to start sidewalk restoration and a plan to guarantee its completion, we are told the town has neither the means nor the manpower for the job.

I do not mean to imply that \$400,000 is an insignificant amount of money — it is not. For this reason, approving funds with a plan is imperative. This will provide

accountability and allow residents to see the results of well-spent tax dollars before moving forward.

Ultimately how Andover spends its tax dollars will be decided by its residents. For this reason we ask for your support on Articles 80 (the town's article which we hope to amend), 81 and 82. Please let the selectmen know how you feel by coming out to vote at Town Meeting.

Thomas P. Cody
99 Chestnut St.

Help him 'sell' Massachusetts

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Each member in our class is working on a project called the "Parade of States." We are responsible for gathering as much information as we can about the state we chose to research in order to help "sell" that state.

I have chosen your state, Massachusetts, for my presentation. If any of your readers would help me out by sending me pictures, postcards, a used license plate, travel brochures, facts, products, etc., I would greatly appreciate it. Please send all items to the following address below.

Thank you for any help you can give me.

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Two new schools delayed long enough

Editor, *Townsmen*:

We are writing to encourage our town leaders and members of the community to approve the warrant article for the building of two schools at the Cross Street site at April Town Meeting. These schools are vital to the town to ensure exemplary educational opportunity in our community ... the very reason many of us moved to Andover in the first place.

The current overcrowding throughout our school system is well documented, and is a direct result of encouraged growth within the community over the past several years. In our view, this project has been delayed long enough and will not ease our overcrowding until September 2002 at the earliest.

For this reason we ask the Board of Selectman and the Finance Committee to support the school administrators in their efforts to address the school system's short-term space needs — another issue they are wrestling with — in hopes of finding solutions as they await approval on the Cross Street projects.

As enrollments increase throughout the district, the school budget continues to rise to meet the educational needs of our children. We appreciate that the school department has been fiscally prudent while working hard to maintain the quality of education. Cuts to the current proposed budget will only handicap the system's ability to meet the demands of an ever-expanding school population.

Our children deserve our best efforts to provide a first-class educational experience.

Tom and Patti Mullen
55 Lovejoy Road

Senior center plan meets needs

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Locally and nationally, senior citizens are the fastest-growing segment of our population. In the next decade alone, persons older than 65

are anticipated to make up 13.3 percent of the total U.S. population. In Andover, 16 percent of our population is currently aged 60 or older. Forty-seven percent reside in the downtown area (Precincts 1-3). By 2030 almost 25 percent of the population will be older than 65.

For more than 30 years, the senior center has served a wide variety of needs to improve the quality of life for seniors, their extended families and our community. In the next 30 or 40 years we expect our new "senior community life center" to serve as a hub for the coordination of town, regional and state services.

The needs of our senior citizens and their families are growing at an alarming rate. Medicare, a federal health insurance program for persons 65 and older, will be breaking even in 2008. Medicare only covers care it deems "reasonable and necessary."

Currently, as the result of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, home health benefits are being denied to Medicare patients in more and more cases. Families and communities, including Andover, are being called upon for increasing support for adult day care, supportive services, and information and referral about long-term care services. In recognition of this increasing responsibility, a new federal initiative has proposed a \$1,000 tax credit for relatives of individuals needing long-term care. Ask any family member who has taken on the responsibility of elder care — a \$1,000 tax credit cannot begin to compensate for the lost wages.

The proposed 30-year lease (with an option for a 10-year renewal) for \$1 per year at Williams Hall provides the seniors with a center in an optimal location, which can meet their immediate needs. The lease proposal is an opportunity; it provides us with a good deal of flexibility for future planning and a unique public/private partnership.

After all, we do not know what Andover will look like in 30 years, where the "center" of town will be or what services a senior center will need to provide. During the 30-year lease period, the Friends Inc. will create an endowment for the next phase in senior center development. The present plan effectively meets both the short- and long-term needs of our senior community. Please join me in supporting Article 18 at Town Meeting on April 26.

Debra Rahmin Silberstein
1 Elm Square

(Silberstein is a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and a member of Andover's Council on Aging)

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Education

High School increases graduation requirements

By Rebecca Lipchitz

Students entering Andover High School next year will be required to take more classes to graduate, and to perform at least 20 hours of community service.

That was the unanimous decision of the School Committee, which voted last week to increase high school graduation requirements from 20 to 26 credits. The maximum number of credits allowed, 32 credits, did not change.

Under the current 20-credit graduation requirement, students could fail 12 classes and still graduate, says Principal Larry Robinson. Under the new system, a student couldn't fail more than six classes to graduate.

The increased requirements, recommended by Robinson and the Graduation Requirements Committee, are designed to reflect what most colleges expect a high school to require, Robinson says.

Increased class time is also required by the Time and Learning part of Education Reform, he says.

High school students are now required to take seven credits a year, but will soon be required to take 7.5 or 8 credits a year under Time and Learning, Robinson says.

Credit requirements in both math and science will go from two to three, and the world language requirement goes from zero to two.

High school students are now required to take one credit in fine arts or performing arts. As of next year, students will be required to take four credits in the arts category with a maximum of three credits allowed in any one area.

The English (four credits) and social studies requirements (three credits), stay the same.

The two-credit requirement in physical education and the one-credit requirement in health education also stay the same.

The community service requirement is modeled after a program Robinson started in the Lexington and Littleton schools before coming to Andover.

"I feel strongly about this philosophy. Students should give back to the community that supports their education," Robinson says.

While there are some students in every class who would perform community service because they enjoy it, Robinson says it's the students who wouldn't normally do community service who benefit most.

"The others who didn't do it unless they had to, often found it was something they liked," he says.

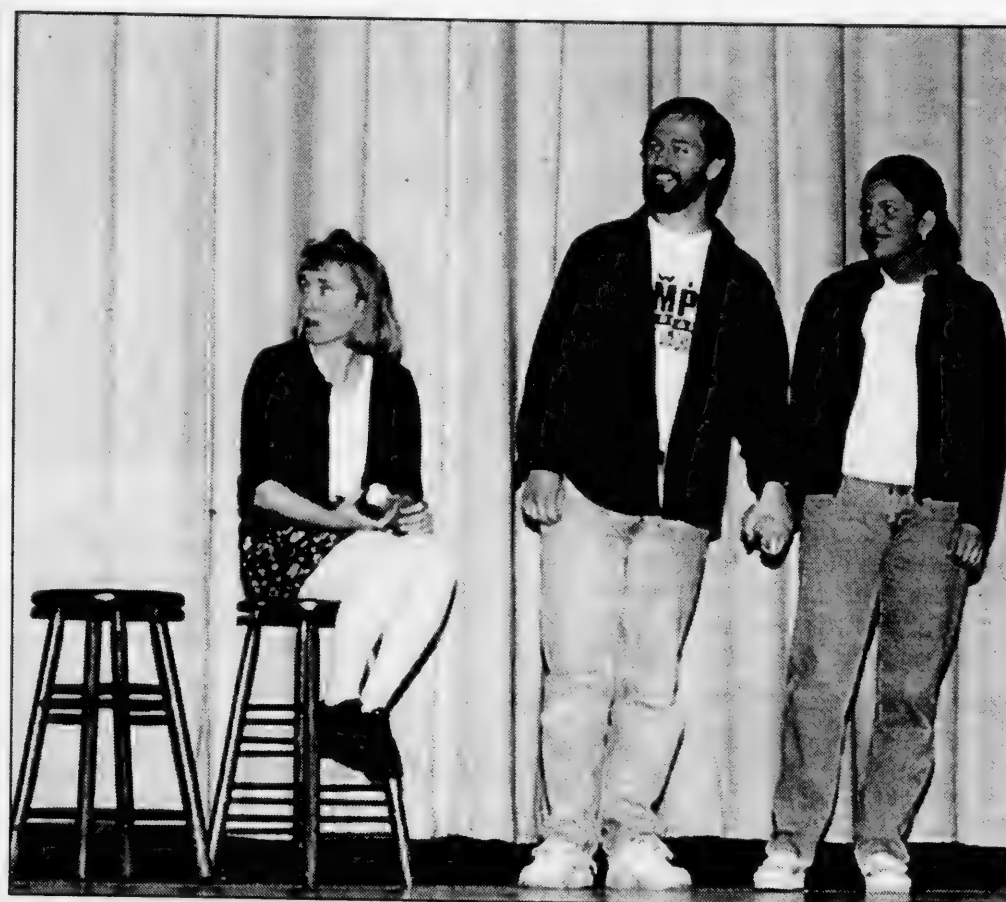


Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Quota International of Andover sponsored a production of *Hitting Home* Tuesday at the Doherty Middle School Auditorium. The play about abusive teenage relationships is performed by high school students working with the Women's Crisis Center of Newburyport. Students perform the story of Michael, a high school senior, whose sister is date raped by his best friend. The suspect is pictured at left. At right, Michael, flanked by his sister (left) and his girlfriend, in an earlier scene.

Overcrowding will stay, for now

By Rebecca Lipchitz

Overcrowding in Andover schools won't be solved until new schools are built, school officials say, and the Short Term Space Needs plan for the immediate future will only compensate for new students.

"This plan does not eliminate the current overcrowding for the next two years. Schools remain in some pain," says Superintendent Dr. Claudia L. Bach.

Doherty Middle School Principal Floyd McManus wrote to parents of the pain of overcrowding that spurred the proposed school building project, which will come to a vote at Town Meeting this month.

In the Doherty Middle School spring newsletter, McManus describes several challenges presented by overcrowding, from the lack of space to the lack of time for extra help teachers can provide.

"Presently at Doherty, we have several teachers moving from room to room. In doing so, we lose that sense of ownership that changes a classroom of walls and desks into a classroom that lives and breathes the world of mathematics, the geography of our planet, or the life in

ancient Rome," McManus wrote.

According to the Short Term Space Needs report prepared by Andover school administrators, every school but Andover High is feeling the space crunch this year.

At Doherty, five world language teachers do not have dedicated classroom space. At West Middle School, one math teacher and three world language teachers "float" from room to room.

Across the system, classes are held in hallways and cafeterias, while storage spaces become offices. While classes expand outside of classroom space, administrators are trying to avoid the cost of adding more modular classrooms while maintaining the class size policy.

"The primary objective of the short-term space needs plan is to provide an educational environment that is conducive to learning, and yet does not incur costs that might jeopardize the long-term goal of obtaining two additional schools," the report says.

The short-term plan covers from the current year through 2002, when two new schools are expected to be constructed, if Town Meeting voters

approve the plan.

Administrators estimate the need for five more classrooms (one at Sanborn Elementary, and two at each Doherty and West middle schools) beyond the makeshift spaces in use now, including hallways and cafeteria spaces, Bach says.

Possible solutions include using space at the SHED program on the Phillips Academy for kindergarten classes; converting the School Committee room in the School Administration Building, adjacent to Doherty, into a classroom; expanding lunch periods to start earlier in the day; and sending more teachers out to "travel."

Administrators are also considering future plans to create portable computer labs (already part of their technology plan) to make another room available for regular classes, and sending some classes from Doherty over to Andover High, the campus next door.

The School Committee policy on class size is to keep kindergarten classes between 16 and 24 students; grades 1 and 2 between 19 and 27 students; and grades 3 through 8 between 21 and 29 students.

Wilson's Corner

Wilson's Corner is either Andover's best kept secret, or a very obvious geography question. In response to last week's geography quiz, three people called to tell us the location of Wilson's Corner, the local question in last week's quiz.

According to resident Norma Gammon, Wilson's Corner is on the Andover/North Andover town line at the intersection of Routes 114 and 125. The corner in question is now home to a Bertucci's restaurant.

Andover residents John Doherty, Sheila Low, and Vivian Sawaya, also called to correctly identify the site.

Sawaya says the restaurant before Bertucci's was "Thompson's" for many years.

"That's where you told your parents you were going, or how you gave directions," she says.

We didn't ask her where she was really going, but she must have been there, since she recalls a large estate that formerly sat nearby.

Andover Historical Society Director Barbara Thibault says the Wilson property was the site of the first one-room schoolhouse in Andover, a subject of much debate in 1690.

Since the town argued over where to put the school, they chose the very center of town. Andover and North Andover had not yet split into two towns at the time, and the Wilson



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Wilson's Corner at the intersection of Routes 114 and 125 was once home to a schoolhouse, Thompson's Restaurant, and now, Bertucci's restaurant.

property was right in the middle, Thibault says.

Joseph Wilson, who owned the property, was husband of Mary Lovejoy, and made his living as a "cooper" or a barrel maker, she says.

Most likely, she adds, the Wilsons donated their land for the school, which was about 20 feet by 16 feet.

The school made the news at the time because the town had trouble finding a school master, in light of recent Indian attacks and witch trial.

For a time, the area was even known as "Witch's Corner," Thibault says, but the name never stuck like "Wilson's Corner."

Joseph Wilson died in 1781, Thibault says.

— Rebecca Lipchitz

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Bach earns praise from School Committee

School Committee members heaped high praise on Superintendent of Schools Dr. Claudia L. Bach last week in delivering her first evaluation since taking the helm last summer.

Committee chairman Eric Nadworny reported that Bach either met or exceeded all the goals and objectives required of her.

She was praised for dispelling conflict and

creating a spirit of trust among the school community, and for filling major staff appointments in a short time.

Since she arrived, she hired High School Principal Larry Robinson and Pupil Personnel Director Dr. Cheri Webb.

"I've felt privileged and supported," Bach says of her time in Andover. "We've worked together in a way that is not that typical."



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SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what for lunch in the Andover public schools the week of April 12-16:

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday: Baked macaroni and cheese with salad, baked chicken nuggets, cheese pizza, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Two taco Tuesday with rice, cheese dippers with marinara sauce, hot dog on roll with vegetarian beans, vegetable, apple crisp, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Roast pork with potatoes, pizza stick and soft pretzel, baked chicken nuggets and puffs, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Teriyaki pork strips over rice, bagel pizza with soft pretzel, french toast and ham/sausage, vegetable, Jell-O, fruit, milk.

Friday: Chicken salad pita pocket with pasta salad, pizza stick and soft pretzel, cheeseburg-

er with fries, vegetable, fruit, milk.

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Monday: Baked macaroni and cheese, baked chicken nuggets, cheese pizza, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Two tacos Tuesday with rice, cheese dippers with marinara sauce, hot dog on roll with fries, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Roast pork with potatoes, cheeseburger with fries, baked chicken nuggets, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Teriyaki pork strips over rice, rib barbecue dippers, chicken McSchool, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Friday: Egg McMuffin with hash browns, tuna sub with pasta salad, baked chicken nuggets, vegetable, fruit, milk.

Menus subject to change.

WHAT'S UP

Honor Society Auction is Sunday

By Zoe Vasconcellos Hastings

Got any plans for Sunday, April 11? Maybe walking the dog or cleaning the house?

How about coming to Andover High School's National Honor Society Auction instead?

This year we've got all sorts of wonderful items that will be auctioned off, including Beanie Babies, babysitting hours, tickets to the musical *Titanic* and a scholarship to Coach Fazio's summer camp.

The silent auction begins at 12:30 p.m. Desserts and beverages from Andover shops will be

served throughout the day. Then at 6:30 p.m., the AHS math department's own Jay Darrin will take the stage to auction off the remaining treasures donated by local shops, businesses, and parents.

All proceeds benefit scholarships that will be given to deserving seniors who apply to the scholarship fund. The scholarships will be announced at the senior awards brunch in June. Recipients of the scholarships will be chosen by a committee on the basis of need, contribution to

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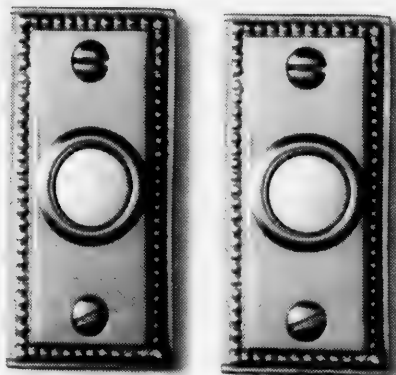
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LOCAL SCHOLARS

Brooks School

Brooks School in North Andover has announced the following Andover students have been named to the honors list for the fall semester:

HIGH HONORS

Jillian Booty, a senior, is the daughter of Geoff and Helen Booty. She is in the sailing and swimming clubs and is a campus tour guide.

Erik Shaughnessy, a senior, is the son of William Shaughnessy.

Diana Saryan, a junior, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John Saryan. She participates

in field hockey, tennis and community service.

Brittany Lonero, a freshman, is the daughter of Turi and Carmen Lonero. She participates in soccer, ice hockey and lacrosse.

Alexandra Costello, a freshman, is the daughter of Alexander and Antoinette Costello. She participates in field hockey, basketball and softball.

Allison Caffrey, a freshman, is the daughter of Andrew and Elise Caffrey.

Daniel Berman, a freshman, is the son of Mark and Debra Berman.

Kaitlin O. Hill, a freshman, is the daughter of Janis J. and Ronald R. Hill. She participates in soccer, basketball, community service and the string ensemble.

Honors

Katharine Childs, a junior, is the daughter of Thomas and Julie Childs. She participates in field hockey, swim and ski clubs and is a campus tour guide.

Molly DiGaetano, a freshman, is the daughter of John DiGaetano.

Christine George, a sophomore, is the daughter of Matthew and Susan George. She participates in field hockey, crew and stage crew.

Joshua Isaacs, a freshman, is the son of Drs. Benjamin and Indu Isaacs.

Nicolas Lirette, a senior, is the son of Michel Lirette and Marie-France L'Heureux. He participates in fall, winter, ski and math clubs, is a dorm prefect and involved with Brooks Brothers and Sisters and French Club.

Alison Wilner, a sophomore, is the daughter of Susan Wilner. She participates in field hockey, basketball and crew.

Shilpa Srinivasan, a junior, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Srinivasan. She participates in squash, lacrosse and community service.

Andrea Savage, a freshman, is the daughter of Paul and Paulina Savage. She participates in squash, winter and spring clubs and ornithology.

Alison Pennelli, a sopho-

more, is the daughter of Paul and Patricia Pennelli. She participates in soccer, ice hockey and crew.

Belmont Hill School

Several Andover residents were honored recently for achieving academic honors for the first semester at Belmont Hill School in Belmont.

Recognized for achieving honors were **Joshua Accomando**, son of Edward Accomando and M. Sheila Prout, in Form I; **James Ford**, son of Robert Ford and Pamela Ford, in Form III; and **Michael Shannon**, son of Michael Shannon and Carolyn Shannon, in Form III.

WERAWC ROCKS THEIR WORLD OF LITERATURE



◀ Kathryn Woods portrayed Sojourner Truth, giving her character's personal accounts of slavery, in a WERAWC performance at West Elementary School last month.

Photos at left and right by Lisa Adelsberger

Jennifer Cullen-Struhl (left) and Carol Midey sell book pins to raise money for the school. ▶▶

WERAWC 1999: West Elementary Readers and Writers Conference

West Elementary hosted its fourth annual Readers and Writers Conference, WERAWC, the week of March 15.

Storytellers were Katherine Woods, as Sojourner Truth, and Tony Toledo. Authors were Barbara McGrath, Greg Maguire, Maureen Wittbold and Bill Littlefield. Illustrators were Emilee

Boon and Fran McCormick. Screenplay writers were Mark Grant, Laura Van Fleet and Greg Norris.

More than 800 parents listened to the children's published stories. Each child received a ribbon and everyone feasted on refreshments. Many classrooms utilized multimedia to present some of the students' work on ClarisWorks slide show or HyperStudio.

The student council performed a play, rewriting nursery rhymes to better fit the school theme of Caring, Consideration, Cooperation and Character. Each grade level had students present a WERAWC skit for the entire school at opening ceremonies and for the parents. Seventy-two students won the bookmark contest and received certificates.



Acting out the Humpty Dumpty nursery rhyme are from left: Julia Wise, Danny Solomon, Chris Gibson, Laila Shaby and Suzanne Hyslip.



West Elementary students make literature come alive on stage.

Photos (above and at right) by Carol Van Doren

News

Health is major topic for Meehan town meeting

By Taylor Armerding

Community health was expected to be the major agenda item last night, Wednesday, at a "town meeting" hosted by Fifth District Congressman Martin Meehan (D-Lowell) at Memorial Hall Library.

The meeting came after *Townsmen* press time. But Meehan had invited a panel that included Dr. Howard Koh, of Andover, state commissioner of Public Health; Suzanne Condon, director of the state Bureau of Environmental Health Assessment; and Eugene Declercq, assistant chairman of the BU School of Public Health. Declercq is also author of a recent study titled *The Health of the Merrimack Valley*, done for the Massachusetts Prevention Center.

And while that study shows Andover residents in relatively good health compared with state norms, Meehan says he is still very concerned about environmental health issues, and hoped last night's forum would provide an opportunity to discuss them.

"My wife (Ellen Murphy) grew up in Andover, and is also a vice president at Lawrence General Hospital," he says, "so I've been hearing a lot about health issues as they relate to Andover."

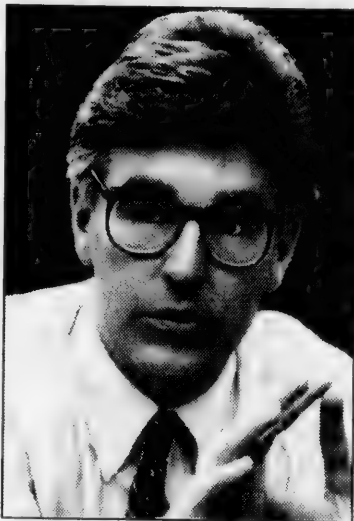
Based on previous comments from at least some of the panel, however, residents should not have expected them to draw a direct connection between environmental conditions and the health of the region.

Dr. Koh, who was part of a panel on that issue at the New England Press Association convention in January, said a study done by his department late last year found no causal connection between elevated levels of breast cancer in Andover (which are about 9 percent above the state average) and emissions from area incinerators or herbicides and fertilizers used at area golf courses.

"Causation is a very challenging word," he said at the time, "and it doesn't help anyone to suggest that one study establishes a connection between health and the environment."

Indeed, the Prevention Center's director, Jim Ryan, says while it is somewhat easier to establish connections between lead paint and lead paint poisoning in Lawrence, Lowell and Haverhill, or between smoking and lung cancer and asthma, "when you get to things like breast cancer, it's very difficult to link those with environmental factors."

Ryan says the recent report is not intended to make causal connections, but simply "to give the facts, and to let the community and political representatives make the deci-



Meehan — We're all breathing the same air.

sions on what to do about it."

But he does say there is a fairly clear connection between pollution and asthma.

And that is one of the things Meehan said he hoped to explore at Wednesday's meeting. Noting that the study showed Lawrence with asthma hospital discharges at 45 percent greater than the state average in 1994, "that's something to talk about," he said. "People in Andover are essentially breathing the same air."

Meehan acknowledges that scientific proof of connections between environmental factors and public health may be difficult, but he says he has worked with Koh, "and he has a wonderful perspective on

what we should be doing to clean up the environment. He's one of the best public health experts in the country."

In opening remarks scheduled to be delivered last night, Meehan said one of the things the federal government can do is to mandate public information. He was an original co-sponsor of a bill that requires public notification of toxic substances in household products, or in the neighborhood.

He also noted that health problems are noticeably worse in the region's urban centers. "This is an issue of environmental justice," he said. "There is no reason why children and families in our poor and urban communities — with high poverty rates, deteriorating housing, older schools, high unemployment and a lack of insurance coverage — should face the greatest environmental health risks."

Meehan also said lead paint poisoning is "the No. 1 environmental hazard to American children," particularly because exposure to even low levels "can hinder children's IQ and physical development. These are the very tools that our children need to be successful later in life."

The congressman also called for more funding for the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, to promote research into possible connections between environmental factors and various female cancers, including breast, cervical and uterine cancer.

Finally, while acknowledging that a federal study found no link between area health problems and the several trash incinerators in the region, Meehan noted that "any substance that ends up in an incinerator, or a landfill, comes from us. We have to recycle it or dispose of it, somewhere."

He called for increasing recycling rates, which are now at about 32 percent in Andover, 28 percent in Methuen, and only 11 percent in Lawrence.

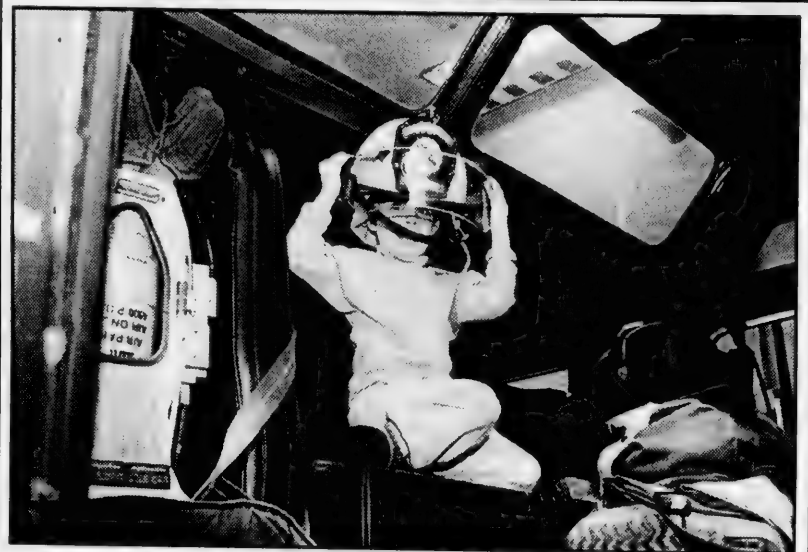


Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

He'll grow into it — Doug Lewis, 4, finds this fire helmet a bit too spacious, along with the cab of the engine he got to explore at the town's safety center open house Saturday. There was a serious side to the event as well, since both the police and fire departments were Doug's parents and other adults about the need for a new center.

Chiefs do a sales job on new safety center

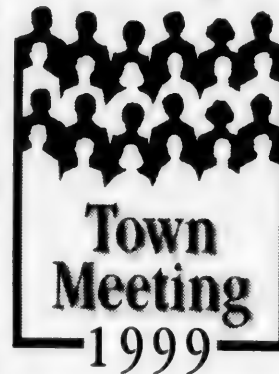
The police and fire chiefs have taken to the air in their effort to win support for a new public safety center.

Following an open house this weekend highlighting the problems with the current center, the chiefs taped an open meeting Tuesday night, and plan to televise their presentation on cable channel 22.

If the \$12.9-million safety center project is approved by Town Meeting and paid over 20 years, the average homeowner will see an estimated \$97 increase in their taxes during fiscal year 2001, when the debt service is at its highest point. The project would cost taxpayers less during the other 20 years of the project.

Selectmen are presenting a united front in support of Article 16, which will give them the flexibility to fund the project in a variety of ways. If voters approve Article 16, the project will definitely be built. But it will be up to the selectmen to decide if and when the project will be funded with a debt exemption of Proposition 2½.

A need for more space, and severe structural problems with the fire department's garage are among the reasons the chiefs give for needing a new center.



The town's newest ladder truck can't be housed downtown because the safety center garage floor cannot support the truck's 40-ton weight.

Other problems with the current center include:

- bathroom and sleeping facilities that must be shared by both male and female employees;

- facilities, including jail cells, that do not meet state code;

- a condemned firing range that would be replaced by a new four-bay range in the basement;

- a police station front door that does not allow handicapped access, forcing wheelchair-bound people to enter the station through a garage; and

- a lack of proper ventilation and temperature control.

Fire Chief Harold Wright says the look of the building can still be changed, but the current plan calls for a brick facade with a gray-colored metal roof. He suggests the town may add some accent windows to the facility to make it more appealing. A fire-hose tower would face Pearson Street.

"We went with the functionality, and now we'll go for the aesthetics to match," he says.

— Neil Fater

He wants to dispel the 'myth' of male aggression

By Rebecca Lipchitz

Michael Thompson, Ph.D., wants to dispel a few common misconceptions about boyhood. "Boys will be boys," is one of them, he says.

"I have no patience for people who rationalize boy aggression as 'boys will be boys.' Aggression is culturally driven," Thompson says, and he says he has done the studies to prove it.

Thompson, 52, is the co-author of *Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys*. He is speaking for Parent to Parent tonight, Thursday, at 7 p.m. in the Doherty Middle School auditorium on the emotional life of boys.

In order to protect that emotional life, Thompson suggests a number of things, in addition to some reading (see sidebar). The first is to lose the narrow definition of masculinity.

"What feminism did for girls is (to) broaden the spectrum of what it is to be a girl. The job of our schools and parents and culture is to broaden the definition of what it is to be masculine," Thompson says.

In his 27 years of research as a teacher and counselor, he has found that boys aren't genetically predisposed to aggressiveness, but are raised to express that over other emotions.

"Boy babies are just as expressive as girl babies, but by the age of 5 or 6, a girl is six times more likely to use the word 'love,' while many boys are leading with anger and contempt. Even well-educated, well-behaved, well-nurtured suburban boys only show you their angry and contemptuous side. It's baffling and worrisome for parents," he says.

The risk to boys who "shut down emotionally" in boyhood and adolescence can be life-threatening. Adolescent boys are two and a half times more likely to commit homicide or suicide than adolescent girls, Thompson says.

But the differences between boys and girls are fewer than people think,

Recommended reading

While J.D. Salinger's *Catcher in the Rye* is the most popular story of a young man's life, Michael Thompson, Ph.D., says his favorite boyhood memoir is *This Boy's Life*, by Tobias Wolfe.

Thompson co-authored *Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys* with Dan Kindlon, Ph.D. and is scheduled to speak on the topic tonight at Doherty Middle School auditorium.

Thompson also recommends:

- *The Wonder of Boys*, by Michael Gurian
- *Reaching up for Manhood*, by Geoffrey Canada
- *Real Boys*, by Bill Pollack
- *Our Guys: The Glenn Ridge Rape and the Secret Life of the Perfect Suburb*, by Bernard Lefkowitz.

he says, and aggressive behavior is a cultural phenomenon.

Levels of aggression in men vary from country to country, he says. Only 15 homicides were reported last year in the entire country of Egypt.

"Egyptian men have testosterone," he says, and adds that they have the population to prove it, but not

the violence. "But the equation is never easy," he says, noting that Egyptians practice violence against women, including genital mutilation.

"When boys come into puberty, they don't become more aggressive. They just become more sexually interested," Thompson says. "The relationship between testosterone and aggressiveness is cloudy and unclear," he says.

The solution, he says, is not to ignore the inner life of a boy, particularly if you are his father.

"We mustn't take boys at face value, even though sometimes they want us to," he says.

"I've had many boys say to me, 'My father is only into my sports. He's not into me.' While a father may feel he is supporting his son, the son is having a totally different experience," Thompson says.

Most boys share their emotional lives with their mothers, he says, but when they become teen-agers and begin to drive their mothers off in attempts to become independent, they may end up without connections.

"They may not be open to anyone," he says.

Raising Cain includes a chapter on the effects of harsh discipline on boys.

"It doesn't make them tough, it makes them angry and resentful," Thompson says.

Thompson is a child and family psychologist practicing in Cambridge. He is also an author and a consultant for the New Heads Institute run by the National Association of Independent Schools. He has worked with boys and girls in more than 100 schools across the country.



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Sewer failure rates not a selling point for projects

By Neil Fater

Although Andover officials have been saying that one of the main reasons for constructing the proposed \$26.4 million South Andover and Rogers Brook sewer projects is because of high septic system failure in those areas, Andover health department figures show that systems there haven't been failing at an elevated rate during the last four years.

In fact, septic systems in both areas are not only failing less frequently than systems in other towns, but also less frequently than septic systems in the rest of Andover as a whole, says Health Director Everett Penney.

Penney acknowledges this will not help the town convince the state it needs these large sewer projects.

One of several specific issues the state asked Andover to address in a mandatory Environment Impact Report (EIR) is a "needs analysis." The state wrote that Andover "should report detailed information on failure rates, so as to justify this extensive expansion project."

Penney says the town has accurate information on all sewer inspections for the last four years, since the adoption of Title V.

The townwide average for failure is estimated at 17 to 18 percent, says Pen-

ney.

Figures show that septic systems in the specific South Andover areas covered by the proposed sewer expansion have failed at a rate of 15 percent during the last four years, says Penney. The Rogers Brook areas affected by the sewer expansion have seen only a 7-percent failure rate.

"Those are relatively low inspection (failure) rates when you compare them to other towns," says Penney. "It doesn't help us with the argument for sewers as much as we hoped it would."

Other towns Penney studied have failure rates between 25 and 30 percent, he says.

However, Andover has said the areas proposed for sewer expansion are characterized by shallow bedrock and poor soil conditions. In addition, the town has inspected only 16 percent of homes in the South Andover area, and 15 percent of systems in the proposed Rogers Brook area during the last four years.

Public Works Director Bob McQuade says pockets of high and medium fecal counts have been found at times in the water of both the South Andover and Rogers Brook areas.

Cost

Two-thirds of the cost of the sewer expansion projects will be funded through betterments charged to homeowners in the areas where the sewer will run. One-third of the cost will go to current sewer users.

McQuade says his conservative num-

bers show that the average current sewer user will see an increase of no more than \$66 in an annual bill, while ultra-high water users will see an increase of no more than \$99. McQuade says the cost will drop as the years go by.

Report coming

Additional information regarding the proposed sewer projects can be expected in a week or two, when the town files its required Environmental Impact Report with the state.

McQuade says copies of the report, prepared by consultant Camp Dresser & McKee, will be available at town hall and the library.

"They plan to have it out in the middle of April," says McQuade. "We will not have the state response by Town Meeting; however, if the project passes, there will not be one dime spent until we have complete state backing."

Ralph Souppa, a CD&M consultant, declined to answer questions about the projects, saying he'd been asked to refer them to McQuade.

McQuade says the town has looked at every alternative possible as it has decided where and how to lay its proposed sewer pipes. He says there have been adjustments made during the past few months to improve the project.

For instance, the town originally planned to have one pumping station as part of the projects, but McQuade now expects to have three. However, that decision "isn't cast in concrete," he says.

Avoiding wetlands and the need to

bury pipe 20 to 25 feet deep in certain areas are among the reasons for adding the two pumping stations, says McQuade.

McQuade says the sewer lines will definitely avoid all certified vernal pools and habitats of rare wildlife. There will be only one wetland crossing, of about 50 feet, he says.

The proposed projects will also open up fewer than 240 lots to development. The 240-lot figure was presented in an earlier report from consultants, before they did more extensive ground study, he says.

"We feel that's a high number. That came back from aerial photographs," says McQuade. "The consultant indicated that number will be reduced."

Wheelabrator fined

Is one man's fine another man's public relations campaign?

It sounds like it, in the case of Wheelabrator Technologies Inc., owner of the Massachusetts Refusetech incinerator in North Andover.

Wheelabrator has agreed to pay a \$25,000 fine to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for alleged clean air violations, which the company still contends are unfounded.

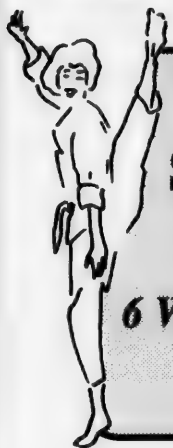
But in a press release, Wheelabrator says it is launching a "unique" environmental initiative to help area hospitals and clinics reduce mercury emissions from trash before it is burned.

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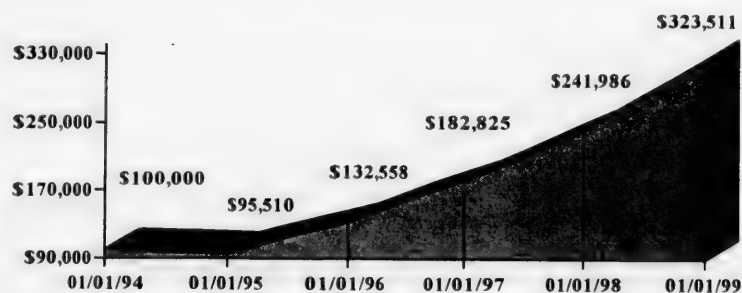
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Rezoning ...

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says Planning Board Chairman Michael Miller.

Opponents expressed concern about the potential development of the parcel and the impact of increased traffic on Route 133, Haggetts Pond Road and Rutgers Road.

The 120-acre property is largely wetland, which probably prevents a residential development with access from Haggetts Pond Road from being developed, say Andover attorneys from Devine, Millimet & Branch, representing Cormier.

In response to one resident's question, Attorney Bob Lavoie told the audience that there is no way to run a road on the property between Lowell Street (Route 133) and Haggetts Pond Road. The property stretches from behind the Holiday Inn on Route 133 to Haggetts Pond Road. The proposed zoning change would make 26 acres of the parcel on the Tewksbury border into industrial zoned land.

While residents argued that the industrial zone created would be inconsistent with the surrounding residential area in Andover, attorneys argued the industrial zone would fit right in with the Tewksbury industrial zone along the Andover border.

They also argued that an industrial development at that site would not add to Andover's educational costs, and would be serviced by Tewksbury sewer systems and public safety services.

Residents also asked how large an industrial building could be, according to town limits.

Andover Planning Director Steve Colyer says the industrial zone proposed for this property would limit a building to 50 feet in height.

One resident of Rutgers Road says she feels that since residents had no say in the development of the Tewksbury area, now is the time to speak up.

"We're here now because we finally have a little bit of control," she says, and encouraged disapproval of the rezoning.

One resident says he felt development of the area was out of control because Tewksbury planners "operate in a vacuum" and don't consider regional impacts of projects.

Keno ...

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a good, close review by the board."

Stapczynski says selectmen can vote to oppose the plan after the public hearing with residents.

Donna Noble, a member of the Lottery Commission's legal department, says the town has a right to object to a Keno license, and can have a hearing before the commission at the Lottery headquarters.

She would not say how frequently the state sides with towns in such efforts.

"It's truly based on what the issues are," she says. "It's town specific."

Noble says a Lottery hearing officer will make a recommendation, which could be appealed to the state Superior Court.

At least one selectmen already is ready to offer his voice against the Keno coalition.

"No way," says Larry Larsen.

"First of all, I don't want any more gambling than we already have, and I certainly don't want it in a dining spot."

Andover outlawed smoking in dining areas, and should keep gambling out of restaurants, too, to "keep that pleasant family feeling," argues Larsen.

While the other selectmen say they want to hear from people at the public hearing, it appears doubtful they'll be persuaded that Keno belongs in their town either.

"Keno doesn't seem it would be appropriate for (Andover)," says Chairman John Hess. "It's a family town (with) family places."

"My gut feeling is I'm not in favor of gambling," says Brian Major.

New selectman Mary French was honest enough to admit that she didn't even know what Keno was, and that she had to ask someone Monday to explain it. She says, "(I) certainly tend to be against gambling, but (am) willing to listen."

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POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Thursday, April 1 - At 2:21 p.m., Damion J. Donohoe, 21, of 228 Andover St., Andover, was arrested on Haverhill Street and charged with a second or subsequent offense for driving with a revoked license, and with giving a false name or address to police. An officer later reported holding some property found in the vehicle.

At 11:15 p.m., Christopher J. Cuomo, 18, of 77 Central St., Andover was arrested on South Main Street and charged with being a minor transporting alcohol.

Friday, April 2 - At 12:46 p.m., Donald P. Bourgeois, 40, of 216 Presidential Drive, Haverhill, was arrested on Elm street and charged with a second or subsequent offense of driving with a revoked license.

Saturday, April 3 - At 3:57 a.m., three people were arrested on Whittier Street, in the Senior Center lot. Timothy S. Wilson, 21, of 50 Blueberry Hill Lane, North Andover, was charged with being a disorderly person, and illegally possessing a Class D substance. Nicholas Konstantinakis, 18, of 2 Longwood Drive, Andover, was charged with being a disorderly person, illegally possessing a Class D substance, being a minor transporting or carrying alcohol, and taking lobster pots. Ryan Dubasak, 17, of 46 Farrwood Drive, Andover was charged with being a disorderly person, possessing a Class D substance, and being a minor transporting or carrying alcohol.

At 4:48 a.m., after a caller reported a man had broken several windows at an apartment building, David J. Doherty, 37, of 354 North Main St., Andover, was arrested at his home and charged with malicious destruction of property over \$250.

At 10:56 a.m., Edwin Morales, 28, of 106 East Haverhill St., Lawrence, was arrested at the Marriott Courtyard and charged on a default warrant for receiving stolen property.

At 6:14 p.m., Roy D. Allen, 51, of 9 Corbet St., Burlington, was arrested on Interstate 93S, and charged on warrants for motor vehicle violations.

At 11:25 p.m., George O. Horr, 34, of 85 Pilling St., Haverhill, was arrested and charged with burglary, attempted burglary and larceny over \$250. Richard D. Whittier, 41, of 258 Washington St., Haverhill, was arrested and charged with attempted burglary, and on a warrant for assault and disorderly conduct. He was held on \$10,000 cash bail.

The arrests followed two reports of suspicious activity. First, a Central Street caller reported that her family had been sitting in the family room when they heard

someone trying the door handle. The father opened the door and the man at the door claimed he was looking for Interstate 495. The family was suspicious that he might have been trying to break in because he did not ring the door bell. Next, there was a report of a man who walked into a Walcott Avenue home and then walked out. Responding to these reports, a sergeant reported seeing two subjects on Harding Street, but when he turned around they took off. A detective reported having one suspect by Taylor Rental, and an officer reported having another suspect by Marland Place near the river. At 8:13 a.m. the next morning, a Walnut Avenue resident reported finding a pocketbook, wallet and cellular phone on his and his neighbor's lawn.

Monday, April 5 - At 10:32 a.m., Juan C. Rios, 46, 298 Prospect St., Lawrence, was arrested at the Marriott Courtyard and charged with a second or subsequent offense of driving with a revoked license, and with giving a false name or address to police.

Tuesday, April 6 - At 10:59 a.m., Julio A. Calderon, 22, of 600 Bulfinch Drive, Andover, was arrested at the Greater Lawrence Technical School and charged with driving an uninsured vehicle with a revoked license and revoked license plate.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, March 31 - At 9:05 a.m., an Andover resident came into the station reporting she had been assaulted the previous day by her 27-year-old daughter. About four hours later a restraining order was given to a woman at the resident's address. Another restraining order was also given to a different woman.

At 9:21 a.m., after an officer said a juvenile might be attempting to buy cigarettes on Railroad Street, the officer said he would take the youth home and speak to his or her parents.

At 11:06 a.m., a motorist came into the station to report assisting an elderly male who appeared lost and confused. The male couldn't get to his home, near Morton Street, even though he was right near the street, according to the motorist. The person said he had the man follow him in his car, but felt the man shouldn't be driving. About 15 minutes later, Phillips Academy called to say an elderly man was at the safety center there with his car and appeared confused. Police brought the man home.

Thursday, April 1 - At 7:30 p.m., a Colonial Drive caller reported that the owner of a vehicle in the area sits in the car for a couple of hours at a time, with the car parked in a puddle near some tennis courts. An officer reported speaking with the owner who "likes to listen to the radio before he goes to his apartment."

At 8:12 p.m., an officer picked up a deceased cat on Dascomb Road.

At 8:53 p.m., an officer brought three students from Poms Pond back to the police station. All three were released to

adults.

Friday, April 2 - At 10:43 a.m., an officer who was the first safety official at the scene of a vehicle fire, reported inhaling some smoke while attempting to extinguish the fire.

At 11:10 a.m., a 15-year-old female requested an officer for a domestic dispute. The officer said the call concerned a family argument.

At 1:18 p.m., there were reports of an elderly white male in a car with a Maine license plate talking to children in the

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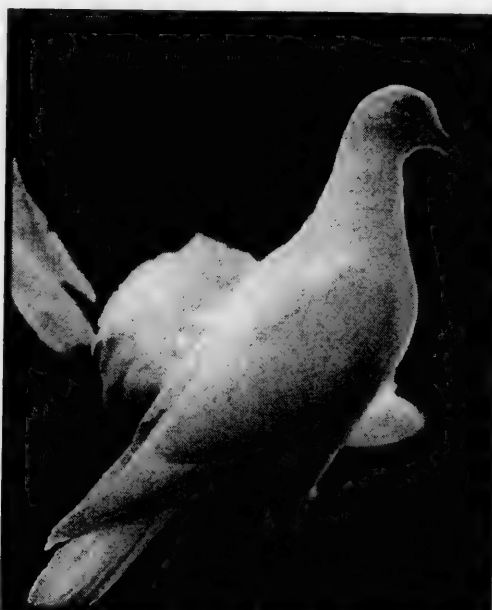
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At 2:05 p.m., a purse found at Recre-

ation Park was turned into the station.

At 3:14, a neighbor reported a possible domestic dispute at a neighbor's home. An officer advised that the son would be leaving the residence for a few days.

At 6:35 p.m., a Brady Loop caller reported that a sedan had been driving

by her house for the last 15 minutes. An officer reported it belonged to a realtor who was waiting for an owner to leave so he or she could show the house.

At 7:20 p.m., there was a report of a 40ish woman with a dog who was walking out into Walnut Avenue, near Elm Street, "yelling at everyone to slow down."

Saturday, April 3 - At 12:24 a.m., a caller requested an officer to speak with a woman who was yelling and screaming. The officer reported the woman was intoxicated and her ex-husband was coming over to pick up two children.

At 9:24 a.m., a Smithshire Estates woman reported "the crows have moved an expired rabbit on her front lawn near her front door," according to the log.

Monday, April 5 - At 7:24 a.m., police responded to a doctor's call about a patient who might be trying to do harm to herself with alcohol and anti-depressant pills. Officers spoke with the person, intended to contact her mother and transported the person to Lawrence General Hospital.

At 11:07 p.m., a restraining order was served in hand to an Andover woman.

Tuesday, April 6 - At 12:40 p.m., a restraining order was served to a male at Phillips Academy.

BREAKS

Wednesday, March 31 - At 8:06 a.m., after a caller reported broken glass by the front door of a Park Street business, an officer reported someone had broken into and entered the Andover Book and Print Shop.

Saturday, April 3 - At 12:40 p.m., after an alarm notification, an officer reported that it appeared someone had kicked in the back door to the Bancroft School. The officer reported everything in the school seemed to be OK.

Sunday, April 4 - At 10:09 p.m., a Greenwood Road resident came to the station to report a break into her home.

THEFTS

Wednesday, March 31 - At 11:31 a.m., a detective was to file a report regarding bad checks passed at a Main Street business.

At 10:58 p.m., a Sutherland Street man reported his girlfriend took his car, and he wanted to report it stolen.

Friday, April 2 - At 12:04 p.m., a detective was to file on a bad check passed at a Elm Street restaurant.

Monday, April 5 - At 1:36 p.m., a school department employee called to talk with an officer about a cash box with approximately \$300 that was stolen from the desk on the third floor of the school administration offices.

At 2:18 p.m., a Phillips Academy public safety officer reported the theft of a computer from the school during vacation.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, March 31 - At 8:14 a.m., an Andover Street caller reported a car break, with nothing taken.

Thursday, April 1 - At 12:31 a.m., a vehicle from Andover was recovered in Marblehead.

Friday, April 2 - At 10:01 p.m., a lieutenant was to file on cruiser damage sustained at Shawsheen Plaza.

Sunday, April 4 - At 11:32 a.m., a Shipman Road resident reported someone had stolen a plate from her vehicle.

Monday, April 5 - At 10:23 a.m., a Washington Park Drive man came into the station to report his Catera stolen some time since Feb. 26, after he left the car at a service station and put the keys under the mat.

At 5:49 p.m., a Federal Street business employee reported her car stolen. It was recovered about an hour later in Lawrence.

Tuesday, April 6 - At 9:46 a.m., town facilities informed police that a town electrician had been involved in an accident without injury on Railroad Street.

ACCIDENTS

Wednesday, March 31 - At 11:59 p.m., an ambulance was sent to a Haverhill Street accident, in which a light pole was knocked down.

Saturday, April 3 - At 1:48 p.m., a hit-and-run was reported at Shawsheen Plaza.

At 2:45 p.m., a caller reported an accident with injury near the intersection of Routes 28 and 133. An ambulance was requested for a 17-year-old female who hit her head on a windshield. A criminal complaint application was expected to be issued to someone for driving an uninsured vehicle with a revoked registration, and for following too closely.

VANDALISM

There were five reported cases, including vandalism to soccer nets at a town field.

Credit ...

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All of that makes people who pay their bills look not only like crashing bores, but very bad investments. And it makes encouraging people who are already in trouble with credit to get in even more trouble look like a very sound business decision.

Is this a great country or what?

I don't blame this entirely on the credit companies. I still believe that adults are responsible for their own decisions. If somebody gets into debt, I don't think they should be blaming somebody else for it.

Still, in other areas of life, we frown on this sort of thing. We would be outraged if a guy in what looked like an average sedan started tailgating us on the road, and then, as soon as we sped up a bit to get him off our tail, he turned out to be a cop, switched on the blue lights and

gave us a ticket for speeding.

We would be horrified if a teacher offered to give kids the answers to a test, and then hauled those who accepted into the principal's office for cheating.

It's called entrapment. And it is stuff like this that eventually leads to more and more government regulation of everything. Common sense says that if somebody's \$10,000 in hock, a credit card company shouldn't be dangling an offer in front of them.

But common sense doesn't apply. So eventually, somebody says there oughta be a law — yet another law.

Meanwhile, apparently the town shouldn't be sweating its financial stability. And me, I guess I should get me a dozen cards and start maxing them out.

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Coming attractions

Arts space is as limited as Pauly Shore's "talent" this week, so the fine column normally served here has been replaced by a quick look at two coming events. Let's see who spits out their coffee in disgust.

1999... millennium... close enough

Like many individuals, Andover's official 21-member Millennium Committee is planning a party for New Year's Eve 1999, one year before the actual millennium.

Proposed committee chairman John McMullen says the group has taken 35 proposals and combined many of them into one family-oriented night on Dec. 31, 1999.

"If you've already made plans for this New Year's Eve, you might want to cancel them and spend time with us," he says.

McMullen says many Andoverites don't want to leave town that evening because they fear outrageous prices, or problems at midnight as a result of the Y2K computer bug.

"We did an informal survey, and we found most people this New Year's Eve either want to stay home or stay close to home," he says.

So the committee will bring a 2000 party to their hometown.

Selectmen Brian Major told McMullen he hopes the committee will also create other events around the actual millennium, which begins Jan. 1, 2001, but McMullen says that will depend on funding.

Resident in a theatrical teapot

Andover resident Rishabh Iyer, as Ariel, will perform in *The Tempest* on the Wheelock Family Theatre's stage beginning tomorrow, April 9. The Shakespearean classic runs through May 9.

Organizers said this production is "both accessible and thrilling for anyone over the age of 5. Children will thrill to the magic, visual effects, and happy ending, while adults will be intrigued and reassured by *The Tempest's* deeper meaning — whatever is precious can never be completely lost."

Wheelock Family Theatre is located at 180 The Riverway, Boston. Performances are Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays at 3 p.m., and April 20-23 at 1 p.m.

Tickets are \$10-\$15 and may be purchased by calling the box office at (617) 734-4760, TTY 731-4426. ASL and audio description will be May 7 and 9. The theater is wheelchair accessible.



Ariel photograph - of Rishabh Iyer.

Music series offers 'Phenomenal' show

By Neil Fater

They say ignorance is bliss, and fans of the Andover Chamber Music series might agree.

That's because artistic director Julia Scolnik says if she knew a few years ago what she knows now, she never would have started the popular music series.

Although she says she doesn't regret a thing, Scolnik and her husband also say they didn't realize how quickly their efforts would grow into a heavy workload for the two of them.

The latest results of that work will be seen Sunday, April 11, at 3 p.m. in West Parish Church, when Scolnik and four other chamber musicians conclude the second full ACMS season with a concert entitled *The Phenomenal French*.

The all-French program will feature a mix of 18th-, 19th-, and 20th-century music for the harp, flute, violin, viola and cello. Scolnik has chosen the pieces for this concert, just as she has chosen the music for each of the previous seven performances.

But Scolnik and her physicist husband, Michael Brower, say that when they applied to Andover's local cultural council for a grant about three years ago, they didn't intend to start such a chamber series.

"We thought (the grant) would be a great way to bring new music to the community, because we had just moved here a year or two before," says Brower, who now works as the series' publicity man, and database operator. "It quickly came to consume the bulk of our time."

"It's truly become a full-time job," says Scolnik.

"We didn't really say, 'Let's start a chamber music series.' If I had known when we started (it would become a full-time job), I wouldn't have done it," she says. "I had no idea how much time and work it would entail. But it's not that I regret it."

In fact, Scolnik and Brower say they've have enjoyed their roles as furniture movers, ticket takers, spokespeople and the like, because of the fan mail and response they get from people who attend the shows.

"It's also been great how many people have come along and helped us out," says Brower. "We have quite a bit of volunteers."

The series founders obviously enjoy what they're doing because they're already talking about using the Rogers Performing Arts Center being built at Merrimack College.

They believe that the Rogers Center will provide an intimate setting for musicians. The ACMS currently plays most of its shows at West Parish Church, where the curved pews allow musicians to play near, and talk



Photo by Carol Van Doren

A series of two - Spouses Julia Scolnik and Michael Brower make music together for the town's ACMS.

directly to, their audience, which usually numbers about 325. Brower says the chamber tries to go beyond playing the classical version of America's Top 40 by selecting various classical works.

"People who didn't know they were classical music fans have been won over," says Scolnik, who spent 18 years in Boston as a freelance musician. "(And the series) gives me the opportunity now to invite all my friends I've been playing with over the years."

Sunday's French-favoring show will involve violinist and North Andover native Elizabeth Ann Larson, who first soloed with the Boston Pops at age 11.

Larson and Scolnik will be joined by the Boston Symphony Orchestra's principal harpist Ann Hobson Pilot, and three members of the ensemble Sonos, violinist Bayla Keyes, cellist Michael Richards and viola player Marcus

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Arty afternoon from Jewish Family Service

For Art's Sake, an afternoon of art and music, will be held at Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Sunday, April 11, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Area artists and craftspeople will discuss their work and demonstrate their craft, and many will provide pieces for a silent auction.

Russian musicians will play during the afternoon. There will also be a wine and cheese reception.

The event is sponsored by Jewish Family Service of the Merrimack Valley, a non-profit, non-sectarian organization, to benefit its

programs and services.

Tickets are \$18 and are available by contacting Jewish Family Service, 805 Turnpike St., North

Andover, MA 01845.

For more ticket information, call 683-6711.

Among the artists and artisans donating pieces are



What about Pete? - Andover's Sandy Jaffe, event chairman; Methuen artist Diane Maroun; board president Barbara Brandt-Saret, of Andover; and executive director Marla Lichtman, of Lowell, combine forces "For Art's Sake."

Andover's Constance Gilmore, Mark Spencer, and Wilda Gerideau-Squires; North Andover's Andrea Hart and Phila Slade; and Haverhill's Cathy Halkiotis and Christine Soucy.

There will be watercolors, pastels, oils, pottery, clay pieces, sculpture and photography. Jay Koffman of Geometrics Gallery will donate a gift certificate for custom framing.

Artists and artisans of various media who wish to participate may get more information by calling Diane Maroun at 683-8789.

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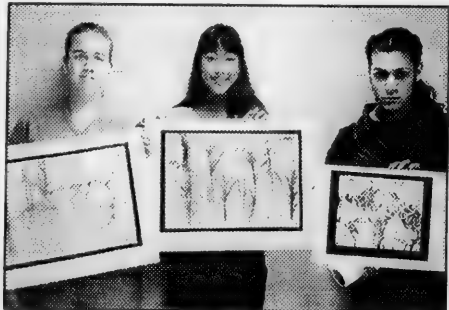
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Thompson.

The hour and 45 minute concert will include Jean-Marie Leclair's *Sonata No. 5 in E minor*, Jean Martignon's *Sonatine No. 5*, André Jolivet's *Chant de Linos*, Gabriel Pierné's *Impromptu Caprice*, selections from Jean-Philippe Rameau's *Pieces de Clavecin en Concert*, and other works.

Tickets are \$16 or \$12 for students and seniors. For information call 470-8874.

Three AHS artists' work going places



The drawings of Andover High's Robyn Karfunkel, Ashley Ying, and Chris Simari, were picked to be displayed at the State Transportation Building by the Massachusetts Art Education Association during March as part of "Youth Art Month."

Phillips music fills weekend chart

The Phillips Academy music department has a different music event planned for each night this weekend, beginning tomorrow, Friday, April 9.

The performances include:

- an alumni recital featuring soprano Lilli Lewis and pianist Charles Rhee Friday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. in Graves Hall, on the corner of School and Main streets;

- an Academy Chorus performance of Honegger's dramatic psalm, *King David* Saturday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. in Cochran Chapel on the PA campus; and

- a guest recital featuring violinist Magdalena Suchecka Richter and pianist Ewa Mackiewicz-Wolfe Sunday, April 11, at 6:30

p.m. in Graves Hall on the corner of School and Main streets.

All performances are free and open to the public. Any inquiries may be directed to the Phillips Academy music department by contacting 749-4263 or music@andover.edu.

The *King David* performance Saturday, April 10 will also include academy soloists, narrators and orchestra, and is under the direction of Christopher Walter.

The Friday night alumni recital featuring soprano Lilli Lewis and pianist Charles Rhee will include music of George Frideric Handel, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Franz Schubert, Richard Strauss, Claude

Debussy and John Carter.

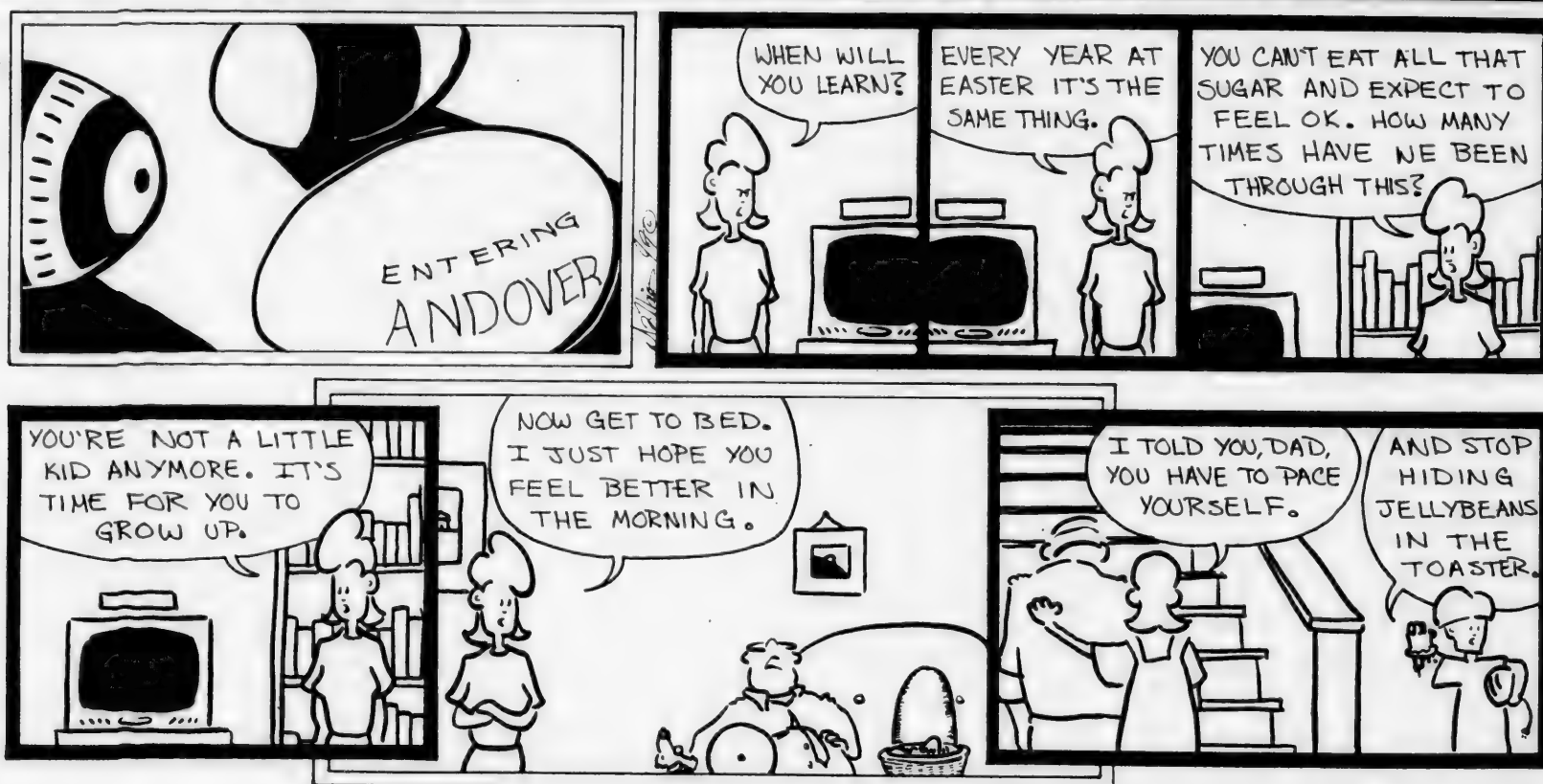
Soprano Lilli Lewis, PA'93 class member and active participant in the music department, studied voice with music faculty member Allen Combs and was a recipient of the Edward Poynter Music Prize. The Athens, Ga., native is a two-time winner of the Georgia division of the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) and a semifinalist in the national Leontyne Price Vocal Arts Competition.

A 1993 graduate of Phillips Academy, Charles Rhee studied piano with music department chairman Christopher Walter. He was involved in other music department activities including the Academy Chorus (co-president), Cantata Choir, The Fidelio Society and the Chamber Music Society and was awarded the Robert S. Warsaw Music Prize.

Finally, the Sunday guest recital featuring violinist Magdalena Suchecka Richter and pianist Ewa Mackiewicz-Wolfe will include sonatas of Francois Poulenc, Camille Saint-Saens, Grazyna Bacewicz and John Corigliano.

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By Neil Fater and Don Mathias



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THURSDAY, April 8

Veterans dinner, sponsored by Veterans Services, State Sen. Susan Tucker (D-Andover) and State Rep. Barry Finegold (D-Andover) make presentation of a joint resolution of the Massachusetts Senate and House of Representatives to retired Navy Capt. George Street of Andover, 7 p.m., Senior Center, Whittier Court; John C. Doherty 623-8218.

Best of Boston Comedy, featuring George MacDonald, 8 p.m., Grill 93, River Road;

1-888-TO-LAUGH.

College/career fair, sponsored by Tewksbury Public Schools, for students in grades 5-12, 7-8:30 p.m., Tewksbury Memorial High School gymnasium, Pleasant Street, Tewksbury; Dr. Michele F. DeAngelis, 640-7837.

Lecture, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Buzz Bissinger will talk on "A Journalist's Life: From the Lonely Plains of Small-Town America to the Forgotten Pockets of Urban America," 7:30 p.m., Kemper Auditorium, Chapel Avenue, Phillips Academy campus;

Kennan Newbold 749-4475.

Information meeting, sponsored by Rabbi Robert S. Goldstein of Temple Emanuel and the Rev. James A. Diamond of Christ Church, on their Sept. 26-Oct. 8 trip to Israel, 7:30 p.m., Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road; 470-1356.

Annual meeting, board of directors of Creative Living, 7 p.m. buffet followed by business meeting, \$20; 470-3165.

Registration, Shawsheen School, 7-8 p.m., gymnasium, 18 Magnolia Ave.; 623-8850.

Lecture, sponsored by Life Long Learning program, "India: Old Traditions, New Challenges," 2 p.m., Bentley Library Conference Area, Northern Essex Community College, Elliott Way, Haverhill; Mary Jane Gillespie (978) 738-7415.

Forum, sponsored by New England Chapter of the Relocation Resource Group, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Andover Country Club, Canterbury Street; Elaine MacLean 888-681-0001.

Business meeting, Homebased Businesswomen's Network, discussion on "Solving Business Problems," 7 p.m., Village Green Restaurant, Newbury Street, Route 1, Danvers; Mabel (978) 750-1888.

Fly fishing club slide show, sponsored by Andover Fly Fishers, 7:30 p.m., Christ Church Parish Hall, Central Street; Fred Cummings 475-4167.

Kindergarten registration, 7-8 p.m., Shawsheen School, Magnolia Ave.

FRIDAY, April 9

International film festival, by North Shore Community College, Czech Republic film *Kolya*, the story of a Czech bachelor and the Russian child he is forced to care for, refreshments, 7 p.m., Room E203, Lynn Campus; Prof. Philip Sbaratta (781) 477-2166.

Lecture, sponsored by Parent to Parent, speaker Michael Thompson, Ph.D., co-author of *Raising Cain, Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys*, 7:30-9 p.m., West Middle School Auditorium, Shawsheen Road; Joan Karpinski 475-6727.

Auction, sponsored by Community Cooperative Nursery School, silent auction, 6:30-8:30 p.m., live auction, 8 p.m. North Parish

Church Hall, Academy Road, North Andover; 685-6068.

Working, presented by The Paint and Powder, a musical based on the book by Studs Terkel featuring Andover residents Michael Levy, Ben Pascucci, Alice Pascucci and Dana Bissett, director, benefits Alternative House of Lowell, 8 p.m., \$15; Elaine 682-7974 or Jan (978) 250-8380.

Spelling Bee, sponsored by Andover Fund for Education, for adults, benefits AFE's grant programs, entry fee, \$200 per team, 7 p.m., West Middle School Auditorium, Shawsheen Road; Bill Kane 470-4608.

Celtic Rhythms, performed by the Seacoast Civic Dance Company, 8 p.m., \$18, \$2 discount students and seniors, Arakelian Theatre, Firehouse Center for the Arts, One Market Square, Newburyport; (978) 462-7336.

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They're 'Working,' then they're orphans

Andover residents will be busy on stage and behind the scenes the next few weekends.

First, they'll be acting in Paint and Powder's *Working*, a musical from the book by Studs Terkel on Friday, April 9 and Saturday, April 10, at 8 p.m. at Wendall C. Irish Auditorium at Lowell High School in Lowell.

The proceeds will benefit Alternative House. The play is directed by Dana Bissett of Andover.

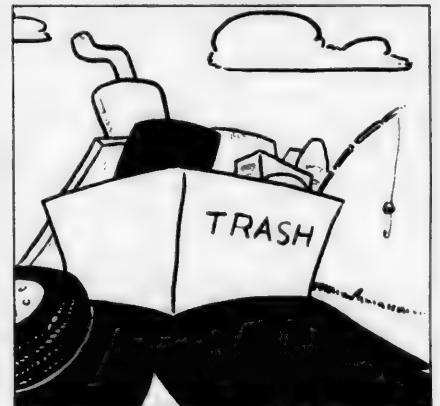
Andover residents Michael Levy, and Ben and Alice Pascucci are cast members. Tickets are \$15 and available by calling Elaine at 682-7974 or Jan at (978) 250-8380.

The next two weekends, Andoverites will help The Colonial Chorus Players of Reading with its production of *Annie*. Performances will be held in Cambridge at the Volpe National Transportation Systems Center, 55 Broadway, in Kendall Square, at the corner of Third Street, April 16 and 17 at 8 p.m.; and April 18 at 2 p.m.; and at the W.S. Parker Middle School, 45 Temple St., Reading, April 23 and 24 at 8 p.m. and April 25 at 2 p.m. (reserved seating). To order tickets, call David at (617) 338-4931.



Andover and North Andover residents involved in next week's production of *Annie* are pictured above and include (from back left) Susan Friedman as Lily St. Regis, Lauren Colarusso in the adult chorus, Kathleen Dalton as Grace Farrell; (center from left) stage manager Stephen Turner, Rosanne Colarusso as Sophie and Annette, and Ben Pascucci as NYC Santa; and (seated, in front) Andover school nurse Sharon Taitz as Mrs. Greer and Secretary Frances Perkins and Alice Pascucci, the choreographer. Other local residents (not pictured) include Jeffrey Kane, Kira Ventura, and Ronnie Ventura, and Eileen as the orphan, Duffy.

TOWNSMAN TEASER SOLUTION to last week's puzzle



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Alumni recital, sponsored by Phillips Academy music department, 7:30 p.m., Graves Hall, School and Main streets; 749-4263.

SATURDAY, April 10

Bus tour, sponsored by North Andover and Andover Historical Societies, of "Andovers" first period homes, 10 a.m., \$15, North Andover Historical Society, 153 Academy Road; 475-2236 or 686-4035.

Charity auction, to benefit Lawrence Boys' and Girls' Club, 5:30 cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m. live auction, Andover Marriott, 123 River Road; 683-2747.

Earth Day yard sale, sponsored by Department of Community Services, reserve 10-foot spot by noon Friday, April 9, \$10 per spot, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., the Park, Bartlet Street; Mary Donohue 623-8277.

Concert, featuring Pendragon, a Celtic band, Eric Kilburn opens 8 p.m., \$10, Crossroads Coffeehouse, North Parish Church, Academy Road, North Andover; 749-7025.



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Contra dance, sponsored by Ipswich YMCA, 7:30-10:30 p.m., \$5 adults, \$3 children, \$15 family, Ipswich YMCA, Ipswich; Linda Goddard (978) 356-1477.

Working, see entry under Friday, April 9.

Volunteer fair, at Stevens Memorial Library, featuring volunteer opportunities, 10 a.m.-noon, 345 Main

St., North Andover; Jill Barker 688-9505.

Celtic Rhythms, \$20, performed by the Seacoast Civic Dance Company, 8 p.m., \$15, \$2 discount students and seniors, Arakelian Theatre, Firehouse Center for the Arts, One Market Square, Newburyport; (978) 462-7336.

Healthy kids day, by Greater Lowell Family YMCA board of directors, activities, games, informational booths, snacks, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., YMCA, 35 YMCA Drive, Lowell; Claire Cloutier (978) 454-7825.

Concert, sponsored by Phillips Academy music department, Academy Chorus performs *King David*, 7:30 p.m., Cochran Chapel, Chapel Avenue, PA campus; 749-4263.

Human Jazz, Christian Swenson uses his body and voice to combine dance, music and comedy, 8 p.m., \$10-\$12, McDonough Street Theatre, 135 McDonough St., Portsmouth, N.H.; (603) 431-6644.

Ham and bean supper, sponsored by Redeemer Lutheran Church, 4:30 p.m., \$5 adults, \$2.50 children under 12, free children under 5, 163 East Haverhill St., Lawrence.

SUNDAY, April 11

Concert, sponsored by Cape Ann Waldorf School, featuring The Egmont Trio playing chamber music, to benefit Trautel Brown Scholarship fund, 3 p.m., \$12, \$6 students/seniors, \$30 family, Unitarian Universalist Church, Beverly; (978) 525-3074.

Comedy Palace at Grill 93, featuring George MacDonald, 8 p.m., \$8 cover charge, River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

Concert, sponsored by Memorial Hall Library, featuring Hisako Azumi, mezzo soprano, 4 p.m., Elm Square; 623-8400.

For Art's Sake, sponsored by Jewish Family Service of the Merrimack Valley, an afternoon of art and music, refreshments, 2-5 p.m., \$18, Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road; 683-6711.

The Day the Women Stopped the World, sponsored by Unitarian Universalist Congregation as part of feminine spirituality series, a spinster's tale written and performed by Katy Locke, wheelchair accessible, 7:30 p.m., 6 Locke St.; Susan Foster 470-1134.

Celtic Rhythms, 5 p.m., \$18, see Saturday, April 10 entry.

Violin and piano recital, sponsored by Phillips

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Academy music department, 6:30 p.m., Graves Hall, School and Main streets; 749-4263.

Human Jazz, 2 p.m., \$6, see *Saturday, April 10 entry*.

Jazz brunch, featuring New Orleans jazz of Sammy Rimington and the Big Easy Jazz Band, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., \$20, \$15 students, Bentley Library Conference Area, Northern Essex Community College, Elliott Way, Haverhill; Dina Brown (978) 556-3732.

Auction, sponsored by Andover High School's National Honor Society, benefits scholarship fund, 12:30 p.m. silent auction, 6:30 p.m., live auction, Andover High School, Shawsheen Road.

Lecture, sponsored by Lowell National Historical Park, "Immigration and Immigration Policy: What is Government for?", 2 p.m., Visitor Center, 246 Market St., Lowell; (978) 970-5000.

Talk, sponsored by Temple Emanuel, Holocaust survivor Sunnie Epstein shares her experiences of being a Jew in Nazi Germany, 11 a.m., Haggetts Pond Road; 470-2731.

MONDAY, April 12

Auditions, Summer Theater Ensemble, grades 7-10, 7-9 p.m., South School, 55 Woburn St.; Department of Community Services 623-8273.

Kindergarten registration, 7-8 p.m., Bancroft School, Bancroft Road.

Roundtable discussion, sponsored by Massachusetts School of Law *Law Review*, "Patents: Gaining the Benefits and Managing the Risk," 3-6 p.m., Massachusetts School of Law, 500 Federal St.; 681-0800.

TUESDAY, April 13

Lecture, at Andover Historical Society, "African-Americans in Andover," refreshments, 2 p.m., \$2 members, \$4 nonmembers, 97 Main St.; 475-2236.

Lecture, "Simone de Beauvoir: The Second Sex at 50, Coeducation at 25," 5:30 p.m., Brace Center, Phillips Academy; Meredith Thiras 749-4007.

Auditions, 6-9 p.m., see *Monday, April 12 entry*.

Educational forum, sponsored by Merrimack Valley Residents for the Environment, environmental, economic, health and safety issues, featuring Everett Penney, the director of the town Board of Health, local legislators and town officials, 7 p.m., West Parish Church, Reservation Road; 681-6486.

Meeting, North Andover Garden Club, and The Spade and Trowel and Village Garden clubs, floral designer Kenn Stephens demonstration, 7-9 p.m., \$3 nonmembers, First Calvary Baptist Church, 586 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover; Patti-Lou Murray 475-1647.

Great books discussion, sponsored by Memorial Hall Library, *Master Pipers* by Sand, 7:30 p.m., Elm Square; 623-8400.

Lecture, sponsored by New England Saltwater Fly

Rodgers, Ed Mitchell, author of *Fly Rodding the Coast*, will focus on the essentials of saltwater fly fishing, 7:30 p.m., \$10 nonmembers, \$5 members, Firemen's Hall, Morgan Avenue, Newbury.

Kindergarten registration, 7-8 p.m., South School, Woburn Street.

April showers luncheon, sponsored by Middle Suburban Christian Women's Club at Andover, demonstration of the basics of stamping on paper and fabric, entertainment, and a speaker, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., \$11, Ramada Rolling Green Inn; RSVP Ruth (978) 664-3901 or Dolly (781) 944-2228.

WEDNESDAY, April 14

AARP meeting, sponsored by Andover/North Andover AARP, George Street III, WWII hero and 45-year resident of Andover, will talk about his experiences as a submarine captain, 1:30 p.m., Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court; Bob Sanborn 475-6698.

Poetry reading, 6:45 p.m., Freeman Room, Oliver Wendell Holmes Library, Phillips Academy; Meredith Thiras 749-4007.

Adult get together, sponsored by Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel Andover, Jewish Family Service of the Merrimack Valley and Hadassah, violinist Brian Clague performs, 10 a.m., Temple Emanuel, Haggetts Pond Road; RSVP 470-2731 or 683-6711.

Living with asthma meeting, by American Lung Assoc., discussion of "Asthma Accessories," refreshments, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Peabody Community Life Center, 79 Central St., Peabody; RSVP (978) 524-7770.

Kindergarten registration, 7-8 p.m., West Elementary School, Beacon Street.

THURSDAY, April 15

Meeting, sponsored by Easter Seals, Merrimack Valley Area Stroke Support Group, 1 p.m., Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St.; Paul Chedekel 475-3298.

Best of Boston Comedy, featuring Greg Carey, see *Thursday, April 8 entry*.

Kindergarten registration, 7-8 p.m., Sanborn School, Lovejoy Road.

Poetry reading, sponsored by Andover Bookstore, poets Henri Cole and Janet Sylvester, 7 p.m., 89R Main St.; 800-491-0143.

FRIDAY, April 16

International film festival, *Nights of Cabiria*, directed by Federico Fellini, see *Friday, April 9 entry*.

Faculty recital, sponsored by Phillips Academy music department, featuring mezzo-soprano Jacqueline Zander and pianist Christopher Walter 7:30 p.m. Cochran Chapel, Chapel Avenue; 749-4263.



Teaching by example - Mezzo-soprano Jacqueline Zander at Cochran Chapel, April 16.

SATURDAY, April 17

Concert, featuring singer/songwriter David Olney, 8 p.m., \$10, New Moon Coffeehouse, Universalist Unitarian Church, junctions of Routes 110 and

125, Haverhill; (978) 373-9259.

One-woman play, sponsored by Memorial Hall Library, "Abigail Adams, A Revolutionary War Mom," for children in grades 3-6, 2 p.m., Children's Room, Elm Square; 623-8401.

SUNDAY, April 18

Hike, sponsored by Andover Committee of Appalachian Mountain Club, two hours along Merrimack River, meet 1:30 p.m. at end of Brundrett Avenue; Jack Gentile (978) 658-0526.

Trail hike, sponsored by Andover Committee of Appalachian Mountain Club, first section of Wapack, nine miles, boots required, register by April 16, Larry Blood (781) 944-0929.

Lecture, sponsored by Lowell National Historical Park, "Preserving Nature in the National Parks," 2 p.m., Visitor Center, 246 Market St., Lowell; (978) 970-5000.

Comedy Palace at Grill 93, featuring Greg Carey, see *entry under Sunday, April 11*.

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Living

Auction to benefit Lawrence Boys and Girls Club

A charity auction to benefit Lawrence Boys and Girls Club will be held Saturday, April 10, at the Andover Marriott, 123 River Road. Cocktails at 5:30 p.m., and dinner at 7 will be followed by a live auction at 8.

One of the nation's oldest and most accomplished Boys and Girls Clubs has consistently won national awards for creative and effective programs to help the youth of the Merrimack Valley.

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- A certificate for laser eye surgery worth \$5,000. Get rid of those contacts and glasses.

- A trip to New York City for both the *David Letterman Show* and the *Rosie O'Donnell Show*.

- A seven-day trip for a family of four to Disney World, Florida.

- Five-day golf vacation in Arizona on two PGA courses.

- "Air Combat!" Fly in a World War II fighter jet equipped with laser rockets and simulate an air dogfight.

- Scuba dive in the New England Aquarium. Spend 45 minutes with the world's most exotic collection of fish, sharks and moray eels. The family is invited to catch the whole thing on film.

- Lunch with a legend. Have a leisurely lunch with sports-caster Curt Gowdy.

- Backstage tour of ABC's *WideWorld of Sports*.

For tickets call the Lawrence Boys and Girls Club at 683-2747.

African-Americans in Andover program at the Historical Society

The Andover Historical Society will present a lecture by Barbara Brown titled "African-Americans in Andover" on Tuesday, April 13, at 2 p.m. Brown is working on her master's degree at University of Massachusetts Boston, and her thesis is on the history of African-Americans in Lawrence. She will talk about the history of Andover's African-American community and its relationship with the one in Lawrence. Refreshments at 3 p.m. will include homemade apple pie created by Erin and Emily Arai.

Volunteers Darcy Kirk and Beverly Darling will assist with refreshments.

Admission is \$2 for members and \$4 for nonmembers.

The Andover Historical Soci-



Photo courtesy of the Andover Historical Society

Hinton's Ice Cream Farm, owned by ex-slave Allen Hinton, served as much as 80 gallons on a busy Sunday. The photograph, circa 1900, shows the storefront as it looked on Hidden Road.

ety is located at 97 Main St. Call 475-2236 for more information.

Photo exhibition gives glimpse of Tibetan lives in exile

Photographer Mary Gendler will speak at the opening reception of her photo exhibition *Tibet: Occupation and Exile* tomorrow, Friday, April 9, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the lower level of Cochran Chapel, Chapel Avenue, on the Phillips Acade-

my campus. The exhibition is free and open to the public.

More than 100 images include photographs from Gendler's 1995 trip to central Tibet, giving a glimpse of the life Tibetans are building for themselves in exile in northern India. The landscapes and portraits show the beauty of the people, mountains, countryside and the splendor of the few remaining monasteries. The photographs will be on display in the lower level of Cochran

Chapel through June 13.

Primarily self-taught, Gendler studied photography at Phillips Academy in the late 1970s. She pursued psychology for several years after graduation but was drawn back to photography after traveling in Asia in the late 1980s. The full-time photographer's most recent exhibit, *Tibet: Occupation and Exile* has been displayed at Boston Public Library and was part of two-month program at Brandeis

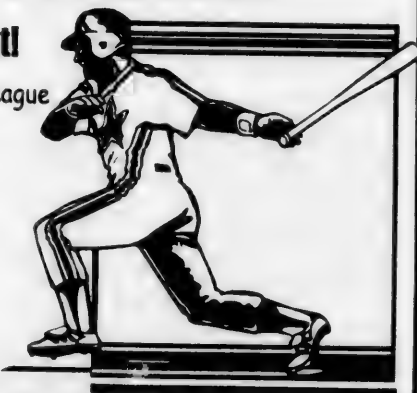
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University coinciding with the Dalai Lama's visit last year.

The opening will include a Tibetan dance troupe performance and a brief talk by Youdon Aukatsang, a Tibetan activist who worked for the Tibetan Women's Association in Dharamsala, India. Her talk on "Life in Exile: a Tibetan Woman's Perspective," will offer insight into the difficulties of living in exile. Aukatsang recently completed a master's degree in law and diplomacy at Tufts University and works with refugees and immigrants in Boston.

The event is sponsored by the Phillips Academy Asian Society.

AARP meeting features talk by George Street

George Street III, a 40-year resident of Andover and Korean War hero, will talk about his experiences as a submarine captain at the Tuesday, April 14, meeting of Andover/North Andover AARP. The regular second-Tuesday meeting is at 1:30 p.m. at the Andover Senior Center on Whittier Court. The Congressional Medal of Honor is one of his many decorations.

Street navigated his submarine, the *USS Tirante*, into the enemy's harbor on an island south of Korea on a dark and foggy night and sank several North Korean ships before escaping unharmed by outmaneuvering the enemy. The talk will be after the business meeting and refreshments. Visitors and veterans are welcome.

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Chapter president Eleanor Fritsch of North Reading reminds attendees of the chapter's ongoing community service project for this year to support Lazarus House of Lawrence. Non-perishable items such as can goods, coffee or paper goods are suggested.

Library explains online searches

Did you know the *Encyclopedia Britannica* is online and easy to use by keywords? Have you wondered how you can find the phone number of your long-lost cousin in California? Would you like

to be able to find the latest in medical articles online? Memorial Hall Library is presenting an evening of electronic reference products Wednesday, April 14, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Members of the reference staff will demonstrate the use of CD-ROMs and online databases via large screen projection in this free workshop. "We will be covering an online ency-

clopedia, magazine databases with full text articles, products for finding business information and an electronic telephone directory," organizers said. All products are available on the reference computers and some magazine databases are accessible remotely from home computers. Call 623-8401, Ext. 31, or sign up at the reference desk.

Community yard sale is May 2

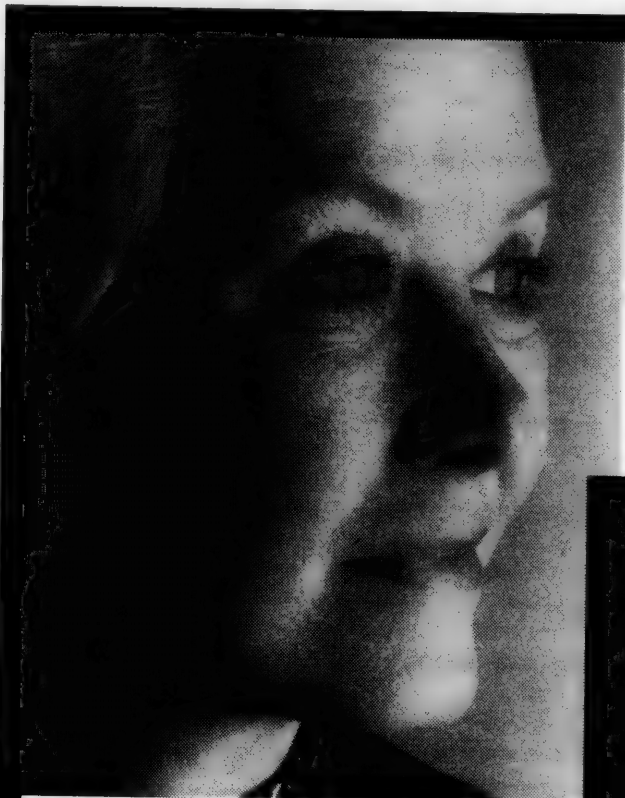
Congregation Tifereth Israel, 501 South Main St. (Route 28) will sponsor a community yard sale Sunday, May 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (no early birds, please).

The family event will include pony rides and a bake sale. For more information, call 474-0540.

Garden clubs to meet jointly

The North Andover Garden, The Spade and Trowel and Village Garden clubs of Andover will present Kenn Stephens, a master foral designer, Tuesday, April 13, from 7 to 9 p.m., at First Calvary Baptist Church, 586 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover.

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OBITUARIES

Mary M. Sullivan Longtime resident

Mary M. (Fallon) Sullivan, 90, of Andover died Saturday, April 3, at Prescott House in North Andover.

Ms. Sullivan was born in Jamaica Plain. She was educated in Andover schools and Burdett College in Boston.

Members of her family include two granddaughters, Kimberly (Byrne) Schott of Easthampton and Ellen (Byrne) Hassett of Arlington; one great-granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews.

She was the widow of John H. Sullivan.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday at St. Augustine Church. Burial was in St. Patrick Cemetery in Lowell.

Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Boston Children's Hospital, Donation Department (Urology), 300 Logwood Ave., Boston, MA 02115.

Frances Alfond Was retired bookkeeper

Frances (Gordon) Alfond, 92, of Swampscott died Sunday, April 4, after a long illness.

Ms. Alfond was born and raised in Salem, Mass. She had lived in Lawrence and Andover for more than 30 years before she moved to the Jewish Rehabilitation Center in Swampscott last June.

Ms. Alfond was a bookkeeper before she retired.

She was a member of Sisterhood Temple Emanuel and Greater Lawrence Chapter of Hadassah.

Members of her family include her stepchildren, Carol and Edward Kantner of New Jersey, Harriet and Harold Mack and Bette and Daniel Shoreman, all of Marblehead; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was the widow of Charles Alfond.

Services were held Monday at Temple Emanuel. Burial was in Temple Emanuel Cemetery in Lawrence.

Arrangements were by Goldman-Fisher Funeral Chapel in Malden.

Memorial contributions may be made to Jewish Rehabilitation Center, 300 Paradise Road, Swampscott, MA 01907.

Frances Apperti Lived to age 102

Frances Apperti, 102, of Andover died Thursday, April 1, at Academy Manor Nursing Home.

Arrangements were by Hart-Wallace Funeral Home in Lawrence.

Evelyn S. Gilligan Memorial service will be held at Stowe Court tomorrow

Evelyn S. Gilligan, 89, of 214 Stowe Court died March 19 at home.

The 12-year Andover resident was preparing to celebrate her 90th birthday in May.

Ms. Gilligan was born in Cohoes, N.Y., and graduated from Troy Business College.

She was a bookkeeper in the paper mill industry until she retired.

Ms. Gilligan was a member of E.T. Ruane Post of the American Legion Auxiliary and held many offices in the organization. She volunteered her bookkeeping and organizational skills with Big Brothers of Cape Cod, the American Textile Museum and the Blake Tenants Association.

Members of her family include her daughters and sons-in-law, Carolyn and Jerry Eiler of Florida and Kathleen Gilligan and James Greer of Andover; sister, Cecile Werner of Ohio; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was the widow of Francis S. Gilligan.

Cremation arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home.

A memorial service will be held at Stowe Court Community Room of the Andover Housing Authority on Friday, April 9, at 5:30 p.m. A memorial service will also be held in her native Cohoes on May 22 at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers or contributions, her family suggests performing an act of kindness to a senior citizen in her memory.

Mildred W. Wright Managed the former Fieldstone's Restaurant

Mildred W. (Harrison) Wright, 86, of Andover died Saturday, April 3, at home.

Ms. Wright was born, raised and educated in Reading. She was an Andover resident for most of her life.

Ms. Wright has managed the former Fieldstone's Restaurant of Andover for several years.

She was a member of Daughters of the American Revolution and Andover Senior Center.

Members of her family include her daughter and son-in-law, Judy E. and Laurence Klimas of Methuen; two grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Charles Dewhirst Edgerley & Bessom Funeral Home. Burial was in Spring Grove Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

OBITUARIES

Frances Alfond, 92

Frances Apperti, 102

Romeo J. Couture, 78

Evelyn S. Gilligan, 89

John Mooradian, 88

Mayme Borges, 86

Mary M. Sullivan, 90

Mildred W. Wright, 86

Alice E. Yeranorian, 89

Viehmman memorial service set

A memorial service for Elaine F. Viehmman will be held Saturday, April 10, at 1:30 p.m. at West Parish Church, Route 133 at Beacon Street and Reservation Road.

Memorial contributions may be mailed to Elaine F. Viehmman Memorial Fund, c/o West Parish Church, 195 Reservation Road, Andover 01810.

Proceeds will be contributed to selected programs for children and youth in Greater Lawrence and Haverhill.

Deaths Elsewhere

BORGES - Mayme (Jowdy) Andrews Borges, 86, of Salem, N.H., died Thursday, April 1, at Sutton Hill Rehabilitation Center in North Andover.

Members of her family include her daughter and son-in-law, Beverly J. and William S. MacLeod of Andover.

COUTURE - Romeo J. Couture, 78, of Lawrence died Friday, April 2, at his daughter's home in Malden.

Members of his family include his sister, June Beaudoin of Andover.

MOORADIAN - John Mooradian, 88, of Haverhill died Sunday, April 4, at the Oxford.

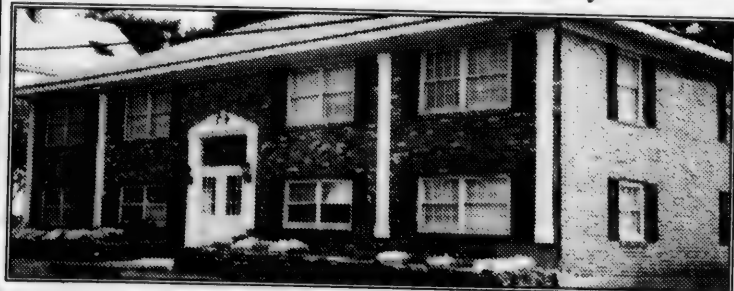
Members of his family include his son, Paul A. Mooradian of Andover.

YERANOSIAN - Alice W. (Arakelian) Yeranorian, 89, of Lowell died Friday, April 2, at Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center in Methuen.

Members of her family include her brother, Michael Arakelian, and sisters, Lily Arakelian and Charlotte Eichner, all of Andover.

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ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

100 Years Ago

Peter D. Smith plucked a dandelion blossom from his lawn last Friday.

W.H. Higgins left yesterday for a trip to Maine and Vermont, in search of high-class horses for his spring trade.

A new fire alarm box has been placed on Main Street in front of Dr. C.W. Scott's residence. It is numbered 412. Add that number to your fire alarm card.

The employees of Smith & Dove Mills presented Overseer Edward Flynn with a tool chest on Saturday.

Sydney McCurdy is spending his vacation in town.

Local Pilgrim Fathers attended the meeting of the supreme colony in Boston on Wednesday.

Mrs. John H. Soehrens had the misfortune of falling recently and breaking her left wrist.

Phillips Andover will open up its baseball season next Saturday with a game against Boston College.

Mr. Max Heinrich has been unable to fill his engagements for the Abbot Academy piano recitals because he will be in the far West.

Brainard Cummings has sold out his carpenter business to Allen F. Abbot.

50 Years Ago

Police Chief George A. Dane believes that parents are to blame for most of the juvenile delinquency today. He also says that "moving pictures and comic books have a lot to do with it." Chief Dane made these remarks after he had five juveniles "on the carpet" for thefts of toy pistols, knives, doughnuts, and similar articles.

The board of selectmen voted at their meeting on Monday night that any sale of liquor to minors will result in the immediate suspension of the dealer's license. Such sales have been reported from time to time in other communities.

Pay increases averaging about eight cents an hour

were granted Tuesday night by the board of public works to all employees in the department. At the same time hours were reduced from 47½ a week to 45 for all employees except the engineer at the pumping station and two other members of the department who take care of extra work Saturdays and Sundays.

Cooperation of all citizens is asked by Police Chief Dane for information concerning the identities of persons who are throwing rubbish and garbage at the side of various roads throughout the town.

Mrs. Irene W. Cole celebrated her 86th birthday Sunday with a large gathering of relatives and friends at her home on 115 Elm St.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, a national organization, observes its golden jubilee anniversary this week.

25 Years Ago

Completion of all but a few items in the municipal budget at Monday night's resumption of the annual town meeting, coupled with some favorable figures on state reimbursements received this past week, presents a forecast of a possible one to two dollar decrease in Andover's \$54 tax rate in the coming fiscal year.

Parishioners at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, West Andover, participated in a pilgrimage around the church grounds Sunday afternoon in a living "Way of the Cross." The participants in the two-mile journey over the church grounds paused to reflect on the 12 significant parts of Christ's road to Cavalry.

The job of finding a tentative site or sites for a regional solid waste disposal plant in Andover was delegated to Town Manager J. Maynard Austin, and DPW Director Robert McQuade Tuesday night, by the Andover Board of Selectmen.

Volunteers at St. Augustine's are busy enlisting blood donors for the upcoming bloodmobile at the church on Wednesday. The previous visit was quite

successful, obtaining 92 pints.

Building Inspector Arthur Peatman issued permits totaling \$449,750 during the month of March, indicating that the building season is perking up after a winter layoff.

Three Andover students - Cynthia Burns, David B. Hilder, and David J. Schlegel - have been awarded four-year corporate-sponsored National Merit Scholarships.

10 Years Ago

Following a year of controversy and uncertainty as to its future, the Shawsheen Extended Day Care program will continue on the Shawsheen School grounds.

A masked bandit held up the First Essex Bank on Main Street Tuesday afternoon, getting away cleanly with about \$5,000. Clad in a ski cap with iodine-stained gauze covering his face, the robber walked up to a teller window and handed the clerk a note indicating he was armed and wanted money, said Andover police. Police have no other information about the bank robber after he left First Essex.

Ruby Easton, head of Andover High School's counseling department, has devised a program called Tuesday Tutoring. In this setup students receive extra help from National Honor Society members and other volunteers. Says Easton, "...National Honor Society traditionally helps tutor students, but this has become difficult with AHS's rotating schedule." The new schedule is designed to provide more classroom space for a four-year high school by having classes meet at different times each day.

The Samaritans crisis line will be conducting their first phonathon in April. Its purpose is to inform the public about the 24-hour crisis hotline and raise funds for expanded services. It will be hosted by Gino Capelletti, well-known on radio broadcasts of the New England Patriots football games.

The Ladies Guild of St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church of the Merrimack Valley will hold a losh-kebab dinner and bake sale on Saturday.

— Compiled by Lisa Kletjian

NEWS FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Here are some of the activities planned at the Andover Senior Center.

Friday forum tomorrow
Dr. Janet Lawrence, director of the memory clinic and the geriatric clinic at McLean Hospital, will discuss "Memory as We Age" Friday, April 9, at 9:30 a.m. This seminar will provide literature and information about memory and the aging process. Free memory screening and individual consultations will be available following the presentation. Appointments must be made by today.

Movie matinee

The Truman Show, starring Jim Carrey, will be shown Monday, April 12, at 1 p.m. Truman Burbank finds out his whole life is a non-stop television show.

Men's breakfast

Dr. Richard Sawyer

will discuss the colorectal concerns of men at the men's breakfast Friday, April 16, at 8:30 a.m. Call the center to make a reservation.

Boston Symphony open rehearsal

The center's cultural committee will sponsor a trip to an open rehearsal of the Boston Symphony Thursday, April 22. Sign up at the center to secure a space. Lunch at the Prudential Center will follow the rehearsal. The cost, not including lunch, is \$22.

AARP meeting

The Andover/North Andover AARP group will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday, April 13, at 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Capt. George Street, a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, will be the speaker. Visitors are welcome.

\$1,000 club winners

Betsy McSurdy, Marty and Ed Doyle, Christine Harding and Rita Therrian were March winners of \$50. Mary Kusmierski won \$100 while the \$1,000 prize went to Jan Hughes. Agent award-winners were Edna Powell and Shirley Rosenberg.

Successful sale

The senior center extends its appreciation to its craft group, bakers, volunteers, buyers and all those who contributed to the success of the spring craft sale. With their efforts more than \$800 was raised for program funds.

Brown bag lecture/lunch

A slide show and lecture about the DeCordova Museum and sculpture park in Lincoln will be presented Tuesday, April 20, at noon in preparation for a trip there in June. Bring a bag lunch, dessert and beverage will be supplied. Reservations

are \$2 and may be made by calling the center.

Fix-it shop

The fix-it shop will be open Tuesday, April 20, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Men's group volunteers will look at broken appliances or household items.

Supper club

Everyone is invited to dine at Dimitri's Restaurant in Bradford Wednesday, April 21, at 5 p.m. The cost is \$13. Menu choices are posted at the center. Final reservations are due by Friday, April 16, since April 19 is a holiday.

Friday forum

Det. Charles Heseltine of the Andover Police Department will be the guest speaker at the Friday forum on April 23 at 9:30 a.m. He will discuss community policing and give examples of scams that have been used against seniors in Andover.

Exercise and aging seminar

UMass Lowell physical therapy students who conducted a research project at the center several months ago will be at the center Thursday, April 22, at 1 p.m. to share the results of their research and conduct a seminar on exercise and aging.

Movie matinee

Neil Simon's Pulitzer-prize-winning story, *Lost in Yonkers*, will be the movie Monday, April 26, at 1 p.m., courtesy of Andover Video. The story of two young brothers stars Richard Dryfuss and Mercedes Reuhl.

Computer class

Introduction to the Internet, a one-session class, will be held Tuesday, April 20, from 1 to 4 p.m. Call Pat at the center to register.

Tai Chi class

A 10-week session of Tai Chi for beginners will begin Tuesday, April 13,

from 2 to 3 p.m. at a cost of \$40. This form of gentle exercise can enhance body, mind and spirit. Anyone interested in finding out more about Tai Chi can come and observe the group and speak with the instructor.

Adult get-together this Wednesday

Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel Andover, Jewish Family Service of the Merrimack Valley and Hadassah will sponsor an adult get-together next Wednesday, April 14, at 10 a.m. Violinist Brian Clague, who has performed with the Copley Chamber Players and other Boston area orchestras, will perform. He has toured Russia and Poland and recently returned from Japan. RSVP to 470-2731, or Jewish Family Service at 683-6711.

Business

Business briefs ...

Chamber sponsors employment forum

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a forum today, Thursday, April 8, from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Andover Marriott, to encourage employers to hire workers who are disabled or challenged in some other way.

The forum is titled "Ready, Willing & Able to work for you." Elmer Bartels, commissioner of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, will speak about the opportunities to hire individuals with physical or mental challenges. Tom Connors, president/CEO of American Training, will speak about the success companies have had after hiring these special individuals. Joseph Sullivan, employment/education coordinator for the Essex County Sheriff's Department, will discuss opportunities to employ low-level offenders through a supervised program. Peter Vanier, executive director of the Regional Employment Board, will discuss welfare-to-work initiatives.

Chamber president Joseph Bevilacqua said, "The chamber has long recognized the importance of an available qualified work force necessary for local business and industries to remain competitive. This quality program, offered by the Merrimack Valley Chamber's Human

Resource Committee, is yet another example of the Chamber's leadership in bringing opportunities to our business and industries as they work to address the critical need for qualified employees."

A hot lunch will begin at noon at a cost of \$15.

Felter made executive vp at Lawrence Savings Bank

Timothy L. Felter, of Andover, has been promoted to executive vice president, personal banking and investment office of Lawrence Savings Bank, responsible for the personal banking division, marketing and bank investments.

Felter joined the bank in 1990 as vice president and chief financial officer, and was promoted to senior vice president in 1993.

He is a director and treasurer of Goodwill Industries of the Merrimack Valley, chair of the audit committee at Faith Lutheran Church, a director of the Lawrence/Methuen Enterprise Partnership, a member of the Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Citizens Award Committee and Eagle Scout 2000 Committee, past president of Greater Lawrence Kiwanis and a former director of Creative Living Inc.

Felter received a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Bentley College.



Timothy Felter

Genetics looking to expand again

Genetics Institute, the Cambridge-based pharmaceutical firm that opened a plant at Lowell Junction in 1988, appears to be rapidly closing in on its stated goal of having 1 million square feet of operational space by the year 2015.

The company will go before the Andover Planning Board next Tuesday, April 13, seeking a special permit for an expansion that will include a four-story, 277,141-square-foot manufacturing plant and a five-story, six-level parking garage of about 116,000 square feet that would accommodate 1,059 cars.

If it is approved, that would give the company about 800,000 square feet at its 70-acre

Andover location at 1 Burtt Road, close to Interstate 93.

Spokeswoman Mary Burt did not return calls, and had earlier declined to comment on any element of the expansion until after it is approved. However, the company's history in Andover is one of rapid growth.

Soon after opening the local plant, it was employing 450. In 1995, it completed a \$65-million expansion, and in 1997 it completed a 110,000-square-foot addition, bumping employment up to about 600. Currently the company employs more than 700. It's long-range plan calls for 2,000 employees by 2010.

Genetics produces drugs for cancer patients and hemophiliacs.

He lives with his wife, Marianne, and two daughters, Elizabeth and Emily.

Ferrantino made Sawgrass president

Sawgrass Electronics Group, Inc., a designer and manufacturer of microelectronic components, has announced the appointment of Michael J. Ferrantino, of Andover, as president and chief executive officer. Ferrantino, formerly of CP Clare Corporation in Beverly, was executive vice president and chief operating officer. He led the introduction of several new product lines that resulted in significant corporate growth.

In his new position at Sawgrass, Ferrantino will have responsibility for full profit and loss and direct the management, financial, and strategic business development of the corporation.

He and his wife, Janet, have been residents of Andover for 25 years. Both of their children attended Andover schools and also live in Andover.

D'Innocenzo presents at conference

Len D'Innocenzo, of Andover, was a featured presenter at the 20th annual Carlson International Business Conference hosted by Carlson Learning Co., Feb. 11-13, at the Amelia Inn & Beach Club on Amelia Island, Fla.

The largest gathering of independent trainers and consultants in the world explored leading-edge approaches to improving individual and organizational performance in the workplace.

D'Innocenzo's presentations were "How to Grow a Business: Keys to Surviving and Thriving as an Independent Consultant," and "Selling Fortune 500 and Other Large Accounts."

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are used by business and educational organizations in more than 80 countries, and have been translated into 17 languages.

Smith made vp at Cannon

Cannon has announced the appointment of William F. Smith, AIA, to vice president.

Smith and his wife, Pam, moved to 13 Korinthian Way in May 1998.

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William Smith

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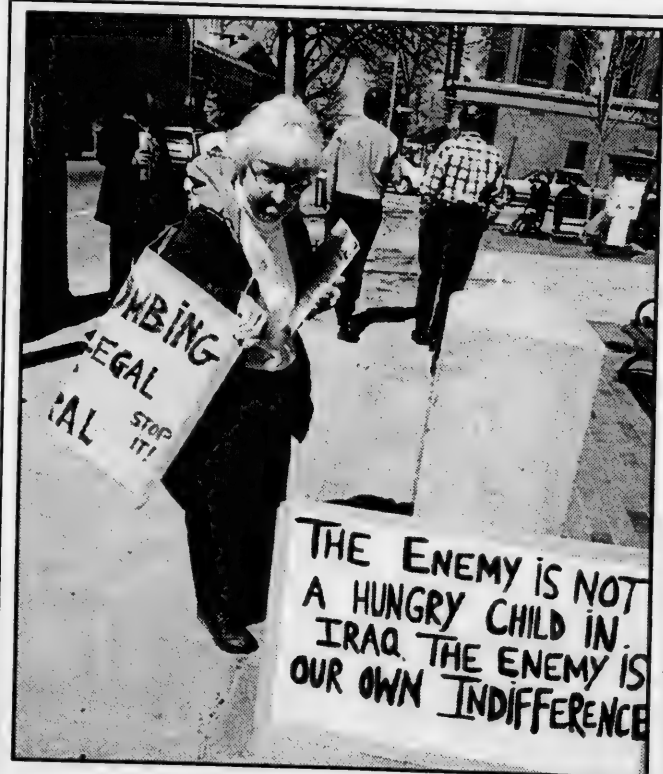


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More protests — The war in Yugoslavia brought demonstrators both to Raytheon and to Andover's downtown during the week, calling for an end to Raytheon's manufacture of weapons of mass destruction. Here, Frances Crowe, of Northampton, posts signs in front of Old Town Hall.

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ties. As senior project manager, his experience includes work for corporate, commercial and institutional clients in the public and private sector. He also serves as regional manager of operations, responsible for the coordination and management of Cannon's professional staff to meet project requirements and client schedules.

His work includes management of the Boston Science Center, master planning for the Providence Convention Center Complex, and project management of the Convention Center's award-winning parking garage.

Smith was project manager of Boston University's School of Management, what at project initiation was the single largest program ever undertaken by the institution, and the most technically advanced facility of its kind in the United States.

His current responsibilities include redevelopment of the Polaroid World Headquarters on Memorial Drive in Cambridge, Tufts University's Hooper Clinic, a 1,000-car parking facility at Boston Medical Center and a student union at the University of Connecticut.

Smith has a bachelor of architecture from the Boston Architectural Center and is a member of the American Institute of Architects and the Boston Society of Architects.

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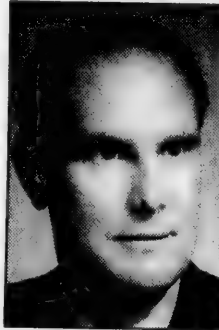
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Vaill named chairman of Boston Private Financial Holdings

Private Financial Holdings Inc., parent company of Boston Private Bank & Trust Co. and Westfield Capital Management

Inc., has announced the election of Timothy L. Vaill, of Bancroft Road, as chairman of the board of Boston Private Financial Holdings.

Boston Private Financial Holdings is a private banking and investment company with \$2.6 billion of assets under management and \$450 million of private banking assets. The firm recently released its financial performance for 1998, and reported net earnings of \$5.5 million, or 50 cents per share. The company, with headquarters at Ten Post Office Square, Boston,



Timothy Vaill

was founded in 1987.

Vaill adds the new title and responsibilities to his current position of chief executive officer. He also serves as president and CEO of Boston Private Bank & Trust Co. and chairman of the board of Westfield Capital Management Co. Vaill joined the firm in 1993 after more than 20 years at The Boston Co. and Fidelity Investments.

Addressing the board of directors at the firm's headquarters, Vaill described plans for the

company's further penetration of select markets regionally and nationally, and the growing success of its investment company.

"We feel our efforts to provide the highest level of personal service, coupled with innovative banking and investment products have led us to be a preferred choice for many people desiring a higher degree of personal attention. We believe we have found the right combination of high-tech and high-touch service, and our clients are rewarding us with more of their banking and investment business," he said.

Boston Private Financial Holdings, through its subsidiaries, offers investment management, banking and commercial and residential lending services to its domestic and international clientele.

Navy honors Laplume

Navy Chief Warrant Officer Robert A. Laplume, a 1978 graduate of Greater Lawrence Technical High School, recently received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Laplume was recognized for his outstanding achievement while serving as test officer aboard the guided missile destroyer *USS John S. McCain*, forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan. He was singled out for the award because of his initiative and contribution in helping the command fulfill its mission.

Laplume joined the Navy in March 1980.



Fun in the sun — Sales associate Valerie Roberts (second from right) and manager Nancy Collins (left), of the Andover office of DeWolfe, recently returned from The DeWolfe Chairman's Club Conference to Bermuda aboard the Norwegian Majesty. Roberts was among the top 15 percent of DeWolfe's 1,600 sales associates invited to a week-long cruise in appreciation for outstanding sales performance. Collins was selected from 72 managers as the company manager of the year. Passengers enjoyed three days at sea and four days docked in St. Georges, Bermuda. Also pictured are guests Karen Hamill (second from left) and Michael Rendish (right).



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Sports

AHS girls tennis team is loaded with depth and talent

By Rick Harrison

The Townsman today concludes previews of 1999 Andover High spring varsity sports teams with girls tennis.

GIRLS TENNIS

Rave reviews about Andover High girls tennis are pouring in from every corner of the Merrimack Valley Conference.

So what else is new?

"It will be Andover, as usual, and then everyone else battling for the other positions," offered Tewksbury coach George Kalarites, whose team was this year's first victim, 5-0, Mon-

day afternoon.

"Andover lost a couple of very good players — but they have so much depth and talent it shouldn't affect them," noted first-year Notre Dame Academy coach Sue Carmeris. "They crank out top players every spring."

"Andover just re-loads every year. But I hope, for the first time in a long time, there are a few teams that can give them a competitive match," observed Lowell coach Jen Carey.

"No one remembers the last time Andover lost a match in the league," said new Chelmsford High (and former Notre Dame Academy) coach

Kevin Branco.

As you may have gathered — AHS is expected to dominate the MVC once again and win yet another Division 1 league title.

And we do know the last time the Lady Warriors lost a match to a conference opponent.

It was almost a decade ago, on May 21, 1990, when Lowell squeezed out a 3-2 victory.

Since then the locals have clicked off 130 straight MVC wins and have gone 203-1 in their last 204 conference matches. AHS has captured an unprecedented 10 straight league titles and 13 championships in 14

years.

The AHS girls are also 220-13 in their last 233 matches including non-league and tournament play.

Last spring Andover went 18-0 in the MVC and set a school single-season record for wins by finishing 21-1 overall.

Included were Division 1 North Tournament victories over Beverly (5-0), Lexington (4-1) and Chelmsford (5-0).

The Lady Warriors, who posted 5-0 sweeps in 19 of their 22 matches, were eventually ousted 4-1 in the North final by Middlesex League champ Winchester, which went on to

win the Division 1 state title.

Senior graduates from that latest juggernaut were captains Lauren Roda, an All-Conference selection at second singles, and Becky Parks.

Also gone is 1998 first singles standout and MVC Player-of-the-Year Robin Young, who opted to run track this spring.

Returning are a dozen letterwinners with varsity experience, all of whom contributed to the 21-win season.

Veteran players battling for the top three singles spots are senior

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It's becoming obvious to all why Coach Maglio is smiling these days...

The National High School Baseball Coaches Association has recognized the Andover High baseball team as "A Team Worth Watching" by featuring the Golden Warriors in the March 19 issue of the BCA's nationally distributed *Extra Innings* newspaper.

The article, run in part as a promotion for Worth sporting goods equipment, has the following text wrapped around a picture of AHS head coach Ken Maglio:

"It's no wonder Andover Coach Ken Maglio has an extra big smile these days.

The veteran coach has his four starting pitchers and five other starters returning from last year's 17-5 club.

"We should be one of the top teams in the state," says Maglio.

The starting hurlers are Jason Daley, Charles Daher, Mark Rocca and Paul Wysocki. The Big Four truly is big as Daley is the smallest at 6'0", 185 pounds. Daher is 6'3", 245; Rocca is 6'2", 180 and Wysocki is 6'5", 225.

Senior SS Rick Johnson, a quarterback in football, is the team leader. He hit .344 and had 19 RBI last year. Senior C Ryan Hanigan had 21 RBI and hit .318, while outfielder Dan Hughes batted .323 as a freshman in '98."

Johnson is one of the Super 26

Andover High football quarterback/defensive back Rick Johnson was honored last month at the inaugural Gridiron Club of Greater Boston 'Super 26' All-State All-Star Awards Dinner at Lantana's Restaurant in Randolph.

The prestigious Super 26 awards are to be given annually to the Best Offensive and Best Defensive high school football players in Massachusetts as selected by the Massachusetts High School Football Coaches Association.

Johnson was among the 26 athletes chosen from an eligible pool of nearly 20,000 players around the Bay



Nick Branzetti



Rick Johnson



Paul Wysocki



Jason Daley



Christian Sempere



Ryan Hanigan



Charles Daher

State.

"It's an extraordinary feat for each player," said Bob Cappadona, president of the sponsoring Gridiron Club of Greater Boston and a former NFL player with the then-Boston Patriots and Buffalo Bills.

Former Patriots' All-Pro center Pete Brock was the guest speaker and Channel 7 sportscaster Gary Gillis, who played football at Harvard, was the toastmaster.

The entire Andover High football

coaching staff was present to see Johnson receive his award, while AHS principal Larry Robinson and athletic director Jim Hurley were also invited guests.

Johnson led Andover to a sparkling 8-2 record last fall with 11 rushing touchdowns and four two-point conversions for a team-high 74 points.

He also threw 11 touchdown passes, rushed for over 400 yards and intercepted five passes.

The Golden Warriors won their first six games and suffered their only losses to Lowell and Central Catholic.

In two seasons as AHS quarterback, Johnson scored 16 touchdowns, 104 total points and pitched 16 TD passes.

Johnson's 74 points this season were the most for an Andover player since Steve Shepard scored 86 in 1992, and the 11 touchdown passes were the most since Kurt Brucato threw 12

shortstop for the Golden Warriors' varsity.



◀ Andover High star quarterback/defensive back Rick Johnson (second from right) holds the plaque he was presented March 7 at the first annual Gridiron Club of Greater Boston 'Super 26' All-State All-Star Awards Dinner and reception at Lantana's Restaurant in Randolph. Johnson, who scored 74 points and threw 11 touchdown passes while leading Andover to an 8-2 season last fall, was selected one of the 26 best players in Massachusetts from an eligible pool of nearly 20,000 athletes. Flanking Johnson are (from left) AHS assistant coach Ken Pellerin, head coach Ken Maglio and assistant Gary Freker.

AHS varsity sports teams off to good start

By Rick Harrison

The 1999 spring season is off to a very successful start for Andover High varsity sports teams.

The baseball, softball, girls tennis, boys tennis and girls track teams opened with victories, while the boys volleyball squad dropped its first match before rebounding to win the next two with relative ease.

The baseballers trimmed Peabody, 10-7, the softballers dumped North Andover, 6-1, girls tennis blanked Tewksbury, 5-0, girls track hammered Notre Dame Academy of Tyngsboro, 102-29, and boys volleyball whitewashed both Lowell and Chelmsford, 2-0.

Boys track gets underway tomorrow.

Top AHS individual efforts included those by pitchers Mark Rocca (baseball) and Laura Stone (softball).

BASEBALL

Andover, ranked No. 3 in Eastern Mass. behind only traditional South Shore powers New Bedford and Brockton, launched the season with a 10-7 non-league victory over a highly-regarded Peabody team.

The Golden Warriors led 10-1 entering the seventh inning, at which time five AHS errors paved the way for six Tanner runs (four unearned) to make it close.

"Our guys thought the game was over and got sloppy at the end," said head coach Ken Maglio. "The first six innings were a good indicator of how strong we are. Peabody is a good team."

"We hit the ball extremely well against a kid (Paul Soteropoulos) who beat us twice last spring including the state tournament game."

"What I especially like about this group of kids is how loose they are," said Maglio. "They go up to the plate swinging."

"Much like last fall's football team, the players like each other and get along well. That makes it easier. They've already jelled. They want a state title because they haven't had

that kind of success before."

Schedule

Andover hosted a hard-hitting Revere team this afternoon in another non-leaguer at the AHS field, and next Wednesday East Boston comes to town for a non-leaguer (both 3:30 p.m.).

Injury report

Sophomore outfielder Danny Hughes sat out the Peabody game and is expected to miss today's Revere game as well.

Hughes, who suffered a serious leg injury late in the football season last November, should be ready for next Wednesday's East Boston game.

Connors honored

Former town employee George "Baron" Connors, a longtime supporter of Andover High sports who has seen several sons and grandsons star for Golden Warrior football, basketball and baseball teams, was honored before the Peabody game.

Andover 10

Peabody 7

The locals jumped ahead 4-0 in the bottom of the first. Rick Johnson singled, Ryan Hanigan walked on four pitches, and Sean Lawton walked on a 3-2 pitch after fouling off several tough Soteropoulos serves.

Charlie Daher hit a dribbler in front of the plate, and a wild throw to first enabled Johnson and Hanigan to score. Mark Rocca ripped an RBI single to center, and Jason Daley followed with a long RBI ground-rule double that hopped the fence down the left field line.

In the AHS second Johnson slapped a two-out

single, Hanigan again walked on four pitches, and Lawton laced an RBI single to right for a 5-0 lead.

Mike Giles singled and Christian Sempere beat out a bunt to launch the fourth. After Giles was picked off second base, Kevin Barry singled to center, Hanigan belted a two-run double to center, and Lawton drilled another RBI single up the middle to make it 8-1.

Rocca opened the Andover fifth with a triple, Daley walked, Giles reached on a fielder's choice to load the bases, and the final two runs were forced home when Sempere was hit by a pitch and Johnson walked.

Peabody then caused a few anxious moments with its six-run seventh.

Senior righthander Mark Rocca (1-0) pitched six strong innings and left after tiring in the seventh. He yielded five hits and three runs while fanning eight and walking four.

First reliever Daher's struggles were compounded by poor fielding support, and then junior lefty Rich Sheldon came in to get the final two outs.

Eight of the nine Andover starters hit safely, Rocca going 3-for-4 with a triple while Johnson and Lawton added two safeties each to the 12-hit attack.

Hanigan had two RBI and scored twice, while Johnson also scored twice and Lawton contributed two ribbies.

Hanigan was a defensive standout at catcher.

BASEBALL

ANDOVER 10, PEABODY 7 at Andover High

Peabody — Bettencourt cf 4-0-1, Nolan 1b 3b 5-1-1, Soteropoulos p 1b 4-1-1, Greer c 3-2-2, Gallo 3b 2b 2-1-1, James ss 4-1-1, Kimmer rf 2-0-1, Maher rf 2-1-1, Spatafore 2b 2-0-0, Shorey p 2-0-0, Robillard lf 2-0-0, Lamonica lf 2-0-0. **Totals:** 34-7-9.

Andover — Christian Sempere 2b 2-1-1, Kevin Barry cf 4-1-1, Rick Johnson ss 3-2-2, Ryan Hanigan c 2-2-1, Sean Lawton 3b 4-1-2, Charlie Daher dh-p 4-1-0, Mark Rocca p 4-1-3, Jason Daley lf 3-1-1, Mike Giles rf 3-0-1, Nick Branzetti 1b 0-0-0, Rich Sheldon p 0-0-0. **Totals:** 29-10-12.

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RBI: A, Hanigan 2, Lawton 2, Sempere 1, Johnson 1, Rocca 1, Daley 1; P, Soteropoulos 1. **2B:** Daley, Hanigan, Greer. **3B:** Rocca. **HR:** Soteropoulos. **WP:** Mark Rocca (1-0) 6.1p 5h 3r 3er 4bb 8k. **Relief:** Charlie Daher 0.0ip 2h 3r 0er 0bb 0k. **Save:** Rich Sheldon (1) 0.2ip 2h 1r 0er 0bb 1k. **LP:** Paul Soteropoulos. **Records:** Andover 1-0, Peabody 0-1.

and Caitlin Burke No. 3.

Leahy and Zuena hooked up at first doubles while Wegner and Tebbetts played second doubles.

All five matches were won by AHS in straight sets.

"We've had a good battle between Oppenheim and Axelrod for the No. 1 singles spot," said coach Tony Russo. "They've both shown some fierceness in the (intra-squad) challenge matches."

"I like the way our doubles teams are shaping up. We may be even stronger in doubles than we were last year."

A scary thought for opponents.

"It's another young team — with only two seniors — and it will be interesting to see what happens," said 13th-year coach Russo.

"We'll be very competitive. There is considerable flexibility with this team. Most of the girls are strong in both singles and doubles, which means there are a lot of lineup possibilities."

"Chelmsford returns its No. 1 singles, Lowell has several good young players back, and Tewksbury could be a factor this year."

"Several teams are stronger and there are a number of excellent individual players scattered throughout the league," added Russo.

Andover had a scrimmage match with Reading High last week, and opened the regular season earlier this week at home against Tewksbury.

The Lady Warriors were also listed to play at Methuen yesterday, and they will host Haverhill tomorrow at the AHS courts (3:30 p.m.).

SOFTBALL

Sophomore righthander Laura Stone (1-0) fired a three-hitter, striking out 12, and the Lady Warriors broke open a close game with four runs in the bottom of the sixth on the way to a season-opening 6-1 non-league triumph over North Andover.

"Stone was impressive on the mound," said coach Stephanie Ragucci. "Our defense was also excellent. We didn't make an error and that's a good sign."

"We didn't hit the ball well. She (NA freshman Lauren Otto) is a pretty good pitcher, but not quite what we'll see in our league every time out."

Schedule

Andover returns to action this afternoon when it hosts Everett in another non-leaguer, and next Monday North Reading is in town (both 3:30 p.m.).

Andover 6

North Andover 1

The locals pulled ahead 1-0 in the bottom of the second when Capt. Kaitlin Dargan walked, stole second and came around on two passed balls.

The Scarlet Knights tied it with their lone run in the top of the fourth, but Andover regained the lead with an unearned tally in the home half.

Lisa Tisbert singled, stole second and stole third. Dargan walked and stole second. Lisa Sawin drilled a hard liner caught by the shortstop, who then threw wildly to third trying to double up Tisbert, who instead raced home with the go-ahead run.

Andover scored four insurance runs in the sixth after two were out.

Capt. Courtney Famiglietti singled, stole second and took third on a passed ball. With two down, Dargan laced an RBI single and Jen Roberge walked. Sawin singled to right and when the ball was misplayed two runs scored. Sophomore Kerri Axelrod belted a double to left-center chasing home the final run.

Famiglietti was a defensive standout at first base with eight putouts (four unassisted).

Otto finished with a five-hitter, nine strikeouts and three walks. Stone walked only one batter.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

The Andover High boys varsity volleyball team won two of its first three Merrimack Valley Conference matches, bowing to Dracut 2-1 before bouncing back to register 2-0 sweeps of Lowell in the home opener at the Dunn Gym and Chelmsford.

Schedule

AHS returns to the court tomorrow night when the locals host Haverhill at 6 p.m.

Dracut 2

Andover 1

The Golden Warriors squandered a six-point lead in the third game and went down to defeat against upstart host Dracut in the season-opener.

The Middies won the first game, 15-9, after rolling to a commanding 13-1 lead.

Andover squared the match with a 15-8 triumph in the second game, and grabbed leads of 10-4 and 12-7 in the deciding game before Dracut used an 8-1 closing run for a 15-13 win.

"We banged the ball pretty hard at times, but overall we didn't play well," admitted Golden Warriors' coach George Sullivan.

The locals were without senior middle hitter Dave Nichols, a return-

ing MVC All-Star, who suffered a badly-sprained ankle at last Saturday's pre-season Play Day and is expected to be sidelined another two weeks.

"The ankle is swollen and the leg is black and blue halfway up to the knee," said Sullivan. "That's not good."

"It's tough when your middle hitter is out. We tried a couple kids in practice and went with Mike Johnson in the match. He did well but it's like on-the-job training for him."

Junior Kyle McCauley did a good job setting for Andover, while returning All-Conference Ben Mertes and Ryan Slavin led the attack with eight kills each.

Junior Kevin Hess was 18-for-22 hitting, Mertes 22-for-31, Slavin 22-for-33 and Johnson 12-for-15.

"Our hitting percentage was way down and has to improve," said Sullivan. "In the third game, after we took the lead, we got complacent. A timeout was called, and we made some lineup changes, but it didn't help."

"We served accurately but not hard. We still have a lot of work to do in several areas. We need to be more motivated and aggressive on the court. There was no fire in the belly today."

"Kids like Nichols and Johnson are over-achievers. They play hard and get the most from their ability. We need more of that from everyone," said Sullivan.

The Dracut boys volleyball program is relatively new and this was the Middies first win over Andover. It also marked a successful head coaching debut for former Lowell High standout and first-year DHS coach Leah Green.

Leading the way for the winners were Joe Nazzaro with eight kills, Matt Roddy eight blocks, five kills and setter Rob Ogden 16 assists. John McBride was a defensive standout and Pat Conway ignited the third-game comeback by serving six straight points.

In the prelim, the Andover JVs rallied from a one-game deficit to register a 2-1 victory behind the strong play of Adam Turbett and Alan McLean.

Andover 2

Lowell 0

The Golden Warriors edged Lowell 15-13 in the opening game, and then rallied from a 10-1 second-game deficit to score 14 straight points and complete the sweep, 15-10.

"Lowell was scrappy," said coach Sullivan. "But we played much better. We made a couple of lineup changes, shifted back to a 6-2 alignment with two setters, and it worked."

"There were a lot of long rallies in both games, and overall our defensive play was excellent."

Ben Mertes finished with nine kills, 19-for-23 hitting and he was a perfect 10-for-10 serving.

Ryan Slavin also had nine kills and went 18-for-22 hitting, while setter Kevin Hess was 12-for-15 hitting with four kills.

Hess and setter Kyle McCauley both passed the ball well, while Jim Newell excelled on defense and was 10-for-10 serving.

"Newell and Mertes led us back from the 10-1 second-game deficit with their outstanding serving," said Sullivan. "They were tough serves, well-placed and hard to handle."

Top players for Lowell were setter Jim Marcotte (12 assists) and hitter Sela Thach (eight kills).

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PREVIEWS

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Capt. Caitlin Burke, juniors Jill Oppenheim, Amy Axelrod and Jenna Bernstein, and sophomores Michelle Leahy and Erin Zuena.

Leahy was undefeated last year, including 4-0 at third singles in Division 1 North Tournament matches. She was the only AHS player to go unbeaten in the tourney.

Oppenheim and Axelrod, All-Conference at No. 1 doubles in 1998, won three of four tourney matches and were flawless during the regular season.

The All-Conference second doubles tandem of senior Andrea Wegner and junior Capt. Erica Tebbetts will probably remain together.

Like Oppenheim/Axelrod they were 3-1 in tourney matches, suffering their only loss to powerhouse Winchester.

Other experienced players vying for doubles positions are junior Tricia Griffin and sophomores Bethany Upton, Jessica Bindman and Ashley Hargadon.

Griffin played as a freshman before sitting out last season with a serious ankle injury.

Four newcomers who complete the 16-player roster are junior North Andover transfer student Yamina Shama and freshmen Carolyn Purcell, Ashley Heller and Linn Spitzer.

In a season-opening 5-0 win over Tewksbury this past Monday, Oppenheim played No. 1 singles, Axelrod No. 2

SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

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There is a \$3 charge for nonmembers.

For more information, call Patti-Lou Murray at 475-1647.

Memories of a Holocaust survivor

"Don't let Anyone deny the Holocaust," notes Holocaust survivor Sunnie Epstein. A noted speaker, Epstein shares her experiences of being a Jew in Nazi Germany with people all around the world. She will share her childhood memories Sunday, April 11, at 11 a.m. at Temple Emanuel in Andover.

Though she avoided time in an actual concentration camp, Epstein recounts memories from her childhood of men disappearing, her father hiding, and blood stains in

her home and in her neighborhood. She recalls walking through the streets on Nov. 9, 1938, during *Krystal Nacht*, the Night of Shattered Glass: open-bed trucks carted men away, while Hitler's youth played football with holy items before tossing them into the burning synagogues. She remembers having her German citizenship revoked, simply because she was born a Jew.

Hear her views on ethnic cleansing and ethnic prejudice that prevail today. Learn what one survivor feels about shedding light on the tragedies of the past to protect students and adults from hatred and fear in the future.

The event is free of charge and open to the public. For more information, call 470-2731.

Andona is enrolling new members

The Andona Society, a non-profit women's civic organization, is looking for new members. Andona has been raising funds for Andover youth for almost 50 years. Organizers say Andona is a wonderful way for new residents to meet other active women while doing something positive for the children in Andover. This should be the year for those who have lived in Andover for years to help make a difference in the community.

For more information, call Jody A. Nelson at 686-9081.

CPR course offered

The Greater Lowell Family YMCA will offer a CPR/first aid certification course Tuesday, April 13, and Tuesday, April 20, from 6 to 10 p.m. at 35 YMCA Drive in Lowell. Call (978) 454-7825.

Greek Orthodox Holy Week, Easter services set

Father Christopher Makiej, pastor of Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church at 71 Chandler Road, announced the following Greek Orthodox Holy Week and Easter services at the church.

The Divine Liturgy on Holy Thursday, April 8, will be at 9:30 a.m. A Holy Passion Service at 7 p.m. will include the 12 gospels. Services for Holy Friday, April 9, will Royal Hours at 9 a.m., Apokathelosis (Vespers) at 3 p.m., and The Lamentations — Epitaphio at 7 p.m.

On Holy Saturday, April 10, the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil will be at 9:30 a.m. with the Service of Resurrection at 11 p.m. and Anastasis at 11:45.

On Easter Sunday, April 11, the Agape Service will be at 11 a.m.

WHAT'S UP

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Join us Sunday, April 11, for a day of fun and fund-raising. All are invited to attend. Tickets are being sold now by National Honor Society members for \$5. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Senior Safari plans underway

Planning for the Andover High 7th Annual Senior Safari is now underway.

Senior Safari is an all-night, substance-free graduation celebration organized by parents, featuring food, dancing, games, fortune-telling, hair-styling, and a hypnotist. AHS seniors gather for the last time in the High School gymnasium, which has been transformed into a rainforest, and sign each other's yearbooks and create a time capsule to be opened at their fifth high school reunion. The highlight of the event is the farewell circle the graduates form before heading home. Each year, more than 90 percent of the graduating class attends this event. The cost of approximately \$15,000 is raised through ticket sales to seniors, fundraising events and donations from the community. Every senior is invited to enter the Senior Safari logo contest run by Jim Batchelder, an AHS art teacher. According to Batchelder, there were 35 entries this year, a record number. The logos are used on T-shirts, tickets and promotional materials.

For more information on the Senior Safari, call Joan Twohig at 475-5424; Lynn Willey at 681-8321; Sue Rice at 475-2357; or Sheila Stone at 475-9378.

The fifth annual Tewksbury Public Schools College/Career Fair will be held tonight, Thursday, April 8, from 7 to 8:30 in Tewksbury Memorial High School gymnasium on Pleasant Street, Tewksbury.

Students in grades 5-8 interested in learning more about the options for the future and students in grades 9-12 in the process of deci-

sion-making and planning for course selection for next year are encouraged to attend with their parents.

Representatives from more than 100 universities, colleges, banks and the military will be available to talk about opportunities and programs of study offered through their institutions and organizations.

For more information, call Dr. Michele F. DeAngelis, director of student services for Tewksbury Public Schools, at 640-7837.

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AHS ROUNDUP

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The AHS junior varsity improved to 2-0 with a resounding 15-4, 15-1 sweep in the prelim.

Playing well for the winners were John Martin (defense, hitting), Adam Turbett (setting, serving) and Alan McLean (defense).

GIRLS TENNIS

The Lady Warriors won everything in straight sets, surrendering only six games in singles and one in doubles on the way to a season-opening 5-0 Merrimack Valley Conference victory over visiting Tewksbury at the AHS courts.

It was the Lady Warriors' 130th straight league win over a nine-year stretch, and boosted the record to 203-1 in the last 204 MVC matches.

"We've had a good battle between Jill Oppenheim and Amy Axelrod for the No. 1 singles spot," said coach Tony Russo. "They've both shown some fiestiness in the (intra-squad) challenge matches.

"I like the way our doubles teams are shaping up. We may be even stronger in doubles than we were last year.

"We're young, with only one senior starter, but we also have experience because most of the underclassmen have already played a year or two of varsity tennis," said Russo.

Schedule

AHS hosts Haverhill tomorrow afternoon and plays Central Catholic on Monday at Merrimack College (3:30).

Andover 5

Tewksbury 0

Junior Jill Oppenheim rolled to a 6-1, 6-1 win over Tewksbury's Corrie Stronach at first singles, junior Amy Axelrod was a 6-0, 6-2 victor against Amie Stronach at second singles, and senior Capt. Caitlin Burke rolled past Julie Cole 6-3, 6-0 at third singles.

Sophomores Michelle Leahy and Erin Zuena teamed for a 6-0, 6-1 cruise past Becky and Rachel Sherman at first doubles, while senior Andrea Wegner and junior Capt. Erica Tebbetts blitzed Sara Keskula and Joe Machado 6-0, 6-0 at second doubles.

Tryouts set for Pony League teams

Tryouts for the three Andover Pony League youth baseball teams will be held Saturday and Sunday, April 17 and 18, at the West Middle School freshman baseball field.

In addition to the usual Blue and Gold teams for youngsters ages 13-15 years, a new Andover 13-year-old team is also being formed.

Thirteen-year-old players who try out and are selected will be allowed to play on both the 13-year-old team and Blue or Gold.

A player's age is determined as of Aug. 1, 1999. To be eligible a player must not turn 16 prior to that date.

All 13s are asked to report to the field from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, April 17, while all 14- and 15-year-old players should report from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Times for Sunday's tryout will be announced at Saturday's first session.

Additional tryouts will probably be needed and the dates and times for these will also be announced either Saturday or Sunday.

Andover teams compete in the Sonny Robbins Pony League (formerly Suburban League), which includes teams from many Eastern Massachusetts communities including Reading, North Reading, Wilmington, Lynnfield, North Andover, Lowell, Stoneham, Medford and Winthrop.

The Blue and Gold will play an 18- to 20-game schedule from the middle of June until early August, with a series of playoff games at the end of the regular season.

The Andover 13s will be part of a 10-team, 10-town division that will play an 18-game schedule home and away.

Andover Blue and Gold have combined to win numerous division titles and 11 overall league championships in the past two decades.

The Pony League acts as an important feeder system for both the Andover High and Andover Legion Post 87 baseball teams. The majority of varsity and Legion players came up through the Pony program.

For further information on the tryouts or league call Joe Iarrobino at 474-0523.

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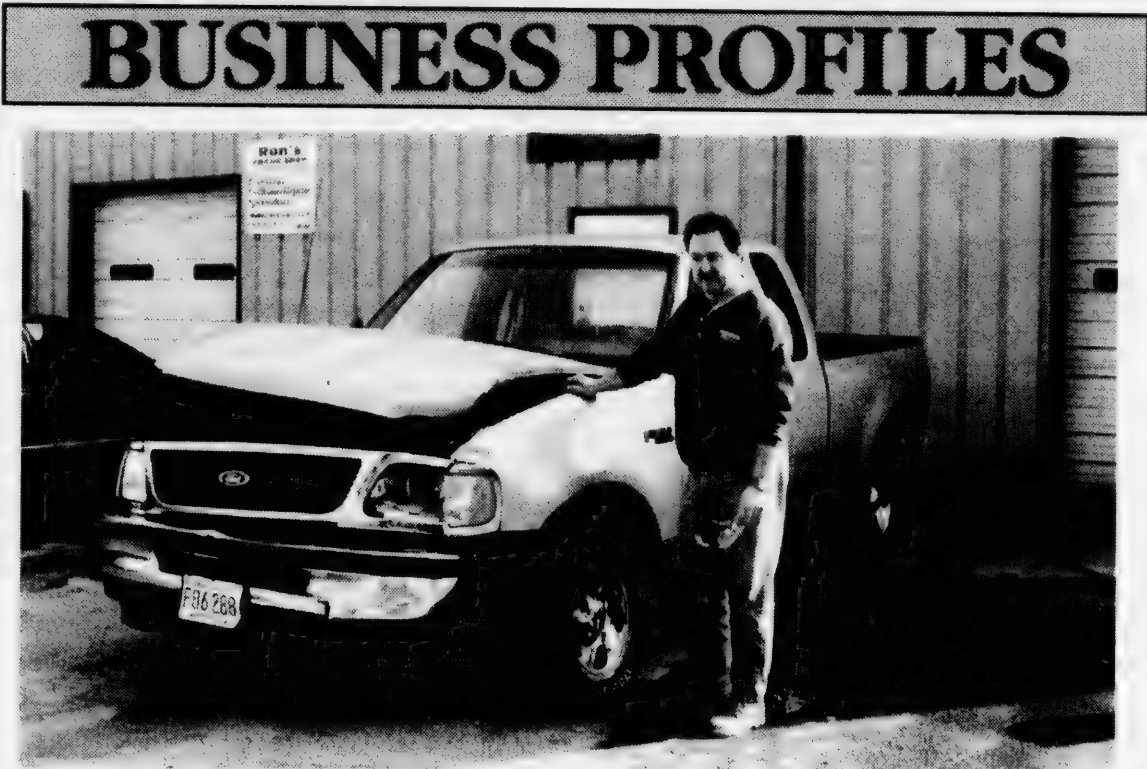
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Docket No. 99P 0331-CV-1
To BLANCHE MACIARIELLO of Andover, in said County, Essex, and to her heirs apparent or presumptive and to the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health.

A petition has been presented to said Court alleging that said BLANCHE MACIARIELLO has become incapacitated by reason of mental weakness to properly care for her property and praying that some other suitable person be appointed conservator of her property.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Salem before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-sixth of April 1999, the return day of this citation.

Witness, EDWARD J. ROCKETT, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this

twenty-fourth day of March, 1999.

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register

April 8, 1999

TOWN OF ANDOVER



PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened by the Board of Selectmen on Monday, April 12, 1999, in the third floor Conference Room at 7:30 P.M. to discuss an application made on behalf of the Ground Round, Inc. d/b/a The Ground Round to the State Lottery Commission for a Keno License.

By Order of the
Board of Selectmen
Randall L. Hanson
Town Clerk

April 8, 1999

**COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE
AND FAMILY COURT
DEPARTMENT
ESSEX DIVISION
Docket No. 99P0766-EP1
NOTICE**

In the ESTATE OF
CHARLES FREDERICK
BEGG, II, otherwise known
as CHARLES F. BEGG, II.

To all persons interested in the estate of CHARLES FREDERICK BEGG, II, otherwise known as CHARLES F. BEGG, II late of the County of Essex Date of Death, February 25, 1999.

A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that a certain instrument be probated purporting to be the last will of said deceased by VIRGINIA LOPEZ BEGG of Andover in the County of Essex praying that she be appointed executrix thereof, without giving sureties on

her bond; and to the ATTORNEY GENERAL for said Commonwealth.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Salem, 36 Federal St., Salem, MA 01970 BEFORE 10:00 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON May 3, 1999.

Wills only: In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness, Edward J. Rockett, Esquire, First Justice of said Court. Date March 31, 1999.

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate Court
April 8, 1999

**COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
THE PROBATE
AND FAMILY COURT
DEPARTMENT
Essex Division
Docket No. 98P 0204-EP1
NOTICE OF FIDUCIARY'S
ACCOUNT**

To all persons interested in the estate of JOHN F. MURPHY, JUNIOR late of 30 Railroad Street, Andover, MA, Essex County 01810.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the first and final account of JOSEPH S. TROMBLY as Executor (the fiduciary) of the will of said deceased has been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Salem on or before the twenty-sixth day of April, 1999, the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account(s). If you desire to object to any item of said account, you must in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

Witness, EDWARD J. ROCKETT, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Salem this twenty-fifth day of March, 1999.

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate
April 8, 1999

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2 Michael D. Reed bought 17 Nutmeg Lane for \$672,000, from James M. Marsh. The mortgage is with Merrill Lynch Credit Corp.

3 James M. Marsh bought 116 Abbott St. for \$396,000, from Robert L. Harhen. The mortgage is with US Trust.

4 Seung Woo bought 29 Somerset Drive for \$680,324.35, from ATM Realty Corp. The mortgage is with Assurance Mortgage Corp of America.

5 Raymond R. Cormier bought 15 Meadow View Lane for \$380,000, from Cormier Andover Construction Corp. The mortgage is with PNC Mortgage Corp. of America.

6 Thomas P. Finan bought 12 Buttonwood Drive for \$905,000, from Yvon Cormier Construction Corp. The mortgage is with Hunne-man Mortgage Corp.

7 Daniel J. Jaye bought 151 Haggetts Pond Road for \$100,000, from Joseph J. Lang. The mortgage is with Andover Bank.

8 Bouyant Realty Trust bought 17 Baker Lane for \$129,900, from Baker Lane Realty Trust.

9 John W. Norton bought 233 High Plain Road for \$210,000, from Mortgage Guaranty Mortgage Corp.

10 Wendy E. Hoyt bought Unit 40, 8 Colonial Drive, for \$94,900, from Richard M. Boyajian. The mortgage is with Monument Mortgage Co.

11 Victor F. Mondello bought Unit A33 Colonial Drive for \$79,900, from Edward B. Evarts.



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

This home, at 15 Meadow View Lane, was recently sold for \$380,000.

12 Mark Tverskoy bought Unit 5, 10 Bryan Lane, for \$205,000, from Linda Jane Look. The mortgage is with World Savings Bank.

13 James P. Purtell bought 22 Somerset Drive, Lot 39, for \$508,085, from ATM Realty Corp. The mortgage is with Mortgage Financial Services Inc.

14 James W. Savely, IV bought 6 Devonshire Place for \$525,500, from John R. Hart. The mortgages are with Chase Manhattan Bank USA N A and Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp.

15 Glenn K. Pearson bought Unit 6, 250 North Main St. for \$187,000, from Robert H. Maye. The mortgage is with Norwest Mortgage of Massachusetts Inc.

16 James M. O'Brien bought 174 High Plain Road for \$321,000, from Scott M. Malagari. The mortgage is with Chase Manhattan Bank USA N A.

17 Bradley S. Gale bought 5 Sandy Brook Circle for \$279,900, from George R. Olson. The mortgage is with Patriot Funding Limited Partnership.

18 Bradley A. Reichter bought 315 Salem St. for \$300,000, from Gleason Realty Trust. The mortgage is with Ipswich Savings Bank.

19 Fieldstone Meadows Development Trust bought Acorn Drive, Lots 45A, 53A & B for \$775,000, from Ruth Realty Trust. Three mortgages are with Ruth Realty Trust and one with Kenneth E. MacDonald.

19 Malin Realty Trust bought 3 Westcott Road for \$5,500, from James E. Allen.

20 David F. Putnam bought 4 Avon St. for \$285,000, from James J. Kerrigan. The mortgage is with Winchester Savings Bank.

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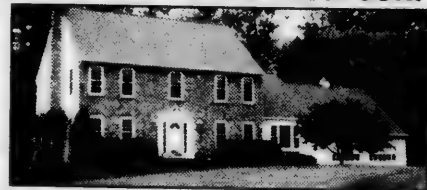
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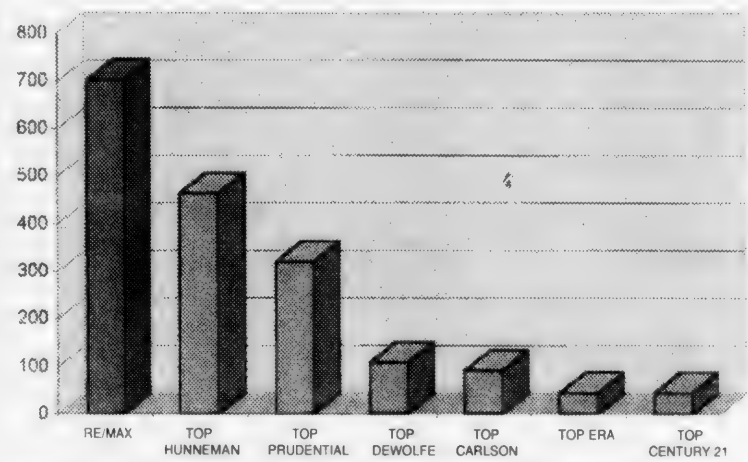
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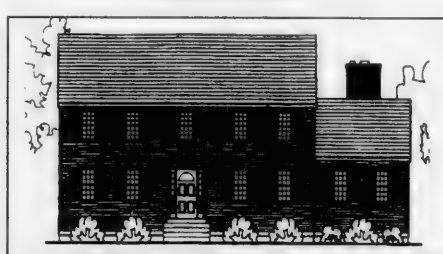
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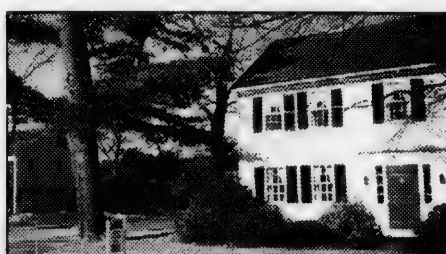
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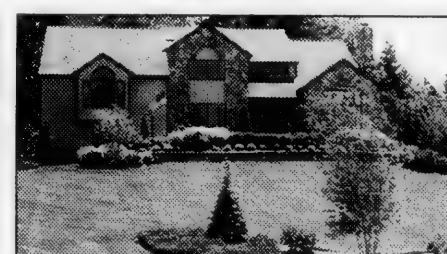
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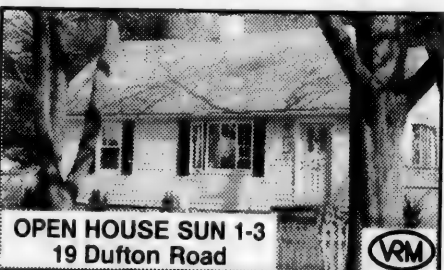


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Beautify your home and garden this spring

By Karen Intravaia

Spring is right around the corner, so what can you do to beautify your property? If you had the time last fall to plant bulbs on your property, during the next couple of weeks, you will be reaping the benefits. Laschi Bros. Garden Center in Methuen has been in business for nine years and offers some great tips on gardening this season. Marty Laschi recommends getting more use out of your holiday plants.

"Everyone gets plants for Easter and instead of just enjoying them indoors until they stop flowering and then throwing them away," said Mr. Laschi, "once they stop flowering, take them out of the pot and the key is to plant them four to five inches deeper than the top of the pot they came in. You will enjoy them again next spring." These Easter plants include lilies, daffodils, tulips and hyacinths.

Now is also the time to plant spring bulbs, such as gladiolas and dahlias, to enjoy summer flowers. These bulbs planted are annuals unless you dig them up each year and then they become perennials. When planting these bulbs, it is important to use fertilizer. Mr. Laschi suggests using bone meal or a bulb booster to help root stimulation. The next step is to plant the bulbs. Then once they start



coming up, fertilize them one to two times a week to keep them healthy and the flowers blossoming. According to Mr. Laschi, every time you cut back bulb plants such as tulips or daffodils, you do the plant a favor. This stimulates broader and thicker growth.

Mr. Laschi sees the pansies and violas, which can be planted now becoming the flower of the year. This is in part that they can be planted now and withstand any frost or remaining snow covering we might have this season. And living in New England, we all know that is not so out of the question.

The key to having beautiful pansies and violas is to maintain them by fertilizing them and "deadhead" them. To deadhead a flower, pinch off the dead blossom. If you do this to one blossom it will come back with three to four in its place. If this is not done to them, they will cease to flower. These annuals are great for the garden March through November. They are also becoming quite popular in window boxes and hanging plants and there are now more than 100 varieties available.

Now that your garden has some flowers planted, it is time to consider the different options of edging. The

most popular is plastic edging, which is inexpensive and comes in green, black and white. Granite blocks are becoming popular and come in four-inch by six-inch blocks. "People are getting away from wood edging. We have found that it attracts insects and termites. It doesn't last and tends to get wet from the weather. Many times the wood has been treated and it puts toxins into the ground, which isn't good," said Mr. Laschi.

Next step is mulch for your garden, which looks great but is also very useful for cutting down on weeds in the garden. Mr. Laschi the new trends in mulch are color-enhanced mulch. "In this area the most popular mulch is bright orange hemlock mulch," he said. "People prefer the color but eventually it does fade, and by fall looks like dirt. Now available is Ultra bright red Hemlock, a food coloring is used for reaching its color and it is quite safe to the environment. The idea is that it will keep its color all season."

This is quite an accomplishment for the industry for it has taken years to find the right dye to get the right color. The new colors in mulch that are out this year are bright pink, burgundy, black and blue. Mr. Laschi says while these are not popular right

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now, years down the road he thinks there will be a trend to match the color mulch with the house color.

Trees and shrubs are a great way to landscape your property and there seems to be some misconceptions as to when to plant them. "Any time is a good time to plant trees or shrubs," said Mr. Laschi. "As long as you can dig a hole you can plant a tree or a shrub. But ideally the best time to plant them is before the ground freezes to establish a root system before the ground freezes over."

Yards and gardens can be beautiful to look at but they usually don't come without any pests or problems. One of the most common problems is poison ivy, which can be eliminated during any season. There are great products available on the market today. Mr. Laschi recommends Poison Ivy Begone or a herbicide product he has recently seen at a trade show. The formula is basic vinegar and oil, but works better than anything he has seen. Weeds can also cause havoc on a garden. A product called Preen is recommended and it is granular and safe. This product prevents weed seed from germinating and your garden won't have a weed for 14 weeks.

Another potential problem is ticks. Mr. Laschi recommends if you do



have ticks, use a product that connects to your garden hose and spray it in high grass areas. He also suggests using integrated pest management. This means don't use products unless you must. Use as many organic products as you can.

For fertilizing your lawn, Mr. Laschi suggests using an organic fertilizer. "This is a slower process than using high nitrogen products," he

said. "But if you treat your lawn organically, you will be feeding the soil. The soil then feeds the roots and this will establish thick healthy roots. This process makes the lawn more disease and draught resistant. The lawn will also grow slower and thicker." He feels almost anyone can design their own landscape as long as the person knows what grows well and where.

There is a growing trend toward topiary. The exotic-sculptured evergreens originate from the west coast of California or Oregon and are becoming popular here on the east coast. Many people are also buying patio pots and they are enjoying some of the exotic flowers and plants of the west coast from May until September. The key to keeping these plants year after year is to bring them indoors for the winter and placing them outside only in spring and summer.

And what garden would be complete without a few vegetables? Who doesn't love the taste of homegrown tomatoes and other vegetables? Today, garden centers take on most of the work and you can buy well-established plants at a low cost. For example, a six-pack of tomato plants can be purchased for less than \$2 and they will yield approximately two bushel baskets.

Mr. Laschi offers these tips for planting a vegetable garden. Pick the sunniest spot available for your garden. And it is not a bad idea to fence your garden to keep the animals out. Make sure you have rich, organic soil. If not, prepare it yourself with compost or cow manure. There are many safe pesticides and herbicides that can be used. A new product on the market is an organic hot pepper wax

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that you spray on the plants to repel insects. Now is the time to plant cold crop vegetables such as broccoli, cauliflower, lettuce, cabbage and brussel sprouts. These plants like the cool temperature and if planted now, they will yield before it gets too warm.

Brenda Barber of Laschi Bros. believes many people are not confident with gardening. She suggests new gardeners take small steps to build their confidence. "Ninety percent is learning by doing," she said. "You make mistakes and you learn by them. If something doesn't work for you one or two seasons, you don't repeat it and try planting something else." For keeping track of your garden progress, she suggests taking photographs of your garden and labeling your garden to make sure you know what is planted where. If you have a question as to what a plant is, she suggests bringing in some of the leaves to a garden center to identify what it is. "Gardening is therapy, exercise and brings pleasure," said Mr. Laschi. "The money you spend on gardening yields dividends by coming back year after year."

Once the garden and landscaping are complete you need a place to relax and take in the view. John M. Janowski, president of Christian



Brenda Barber tends flowers at Laschi Bros.

Builders in Reading, is seeing a growing trend toward three-season rooms. These rooms have become quite popular during the past two to three years. Most of these rooms are being built off of the kitchen or breakfast area. These rooms are designed to make the person feel like they are actually outside and this is achieved by creating the use of a lot of glass to bring in the natural light.

These rooms are becoming more popular than decks because you do not have to deal with the bugs and other negative elements outside. "The people who are building decks, however, are building them smaller," he said. "They are looking

for lower or maintenance-free decks. When creating the now popular three-season rooms, many people are adding a walk down to a terrace area with a blue stone patio area." You can then put out a table, umbrella and grill. When the bugs come out, retreat inside to your three-season room and still feel like you are outside.

He said people are implementing natural items for maintenance-free living. The use of natural products help blend decks, patios and three-season rooms into the landscaping. When decks are built, the trend is toward mahogany wood, which wears well and looks very natural.

"The jobs that we do, tie into the landscaping," said Mr. Janowski. "We want to achieve a subtle, natural look that blends into the landscaping. People are looking for an oasis that they can get away to and unwind from their day and we help to achieve that goal."

Mr. Janowski said the average size three-season room starts at 12-feet by 16-feet (which is the most popular) and increases from there. A basic three-season room can be constructed in four weeks.

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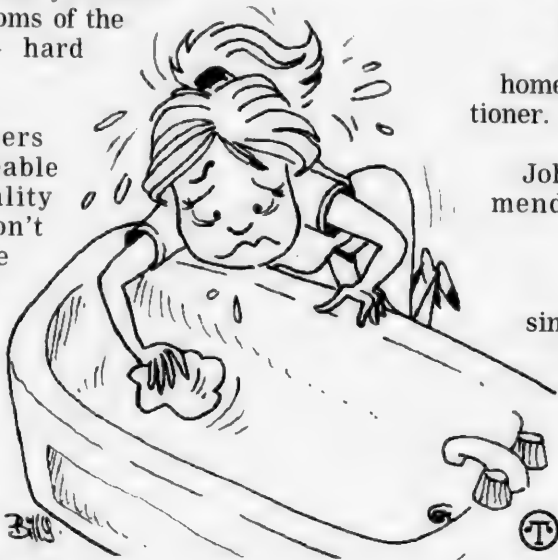
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How to spot the telltale signs of hard water

(NAPSA) - Without a doubt, some home fix-up projects are just more obvious than others. For instance, a leaky roof, peeling paint or a faulty furnace are all problems that are easily recognizable. Then, however, there are those problems that aren't so obvious - until it's too late - such as faulty electrical wiring or termite infestation.

Then, still, there are problems that may be noticeable, but whose cause may be unknown. For instance, you may notice a white residue on your faucets. You may also see spots on your glasses and silverware. And you may find a scummy buildup around your tub and sinks. But did you know that all are symptoms of the same problem - hard water?

"If homeowners aren't knowledgeable about water quality problems, they don't always recognize the signs of hard water," notes Dean Johnson of a popular home improvement TV series. "They know there's a problem, but they may not know the cause or how to correct it."



heater, dishwasher and washing machine. Here, beyond the view of the naked eye, is where hard water deposits are likely to form and build up, causing internal damage to moving parts and increased repair bills.

"In the case of plumbing, calcium deposits form and restrict water flow," explains Johnson. "In time, the problem can become so serious that a home may need all new plumbing."

The good news for homeowners with hard water problems, however, is that the problem can easily be corrected, and existing buildup can actually be reversed with the installation of an in-home water conditioner.

Johnson recommends, however, that homeowners not simply purchase an off-the-shelf model. They should start by having their water tested

by a water treatment professional to determine exactly what type of system is needed. Water treatment specialists can usually be located in the phone book under "water conditioning and treatment" or similar headings.

"Look for a unit that is highly efficient and can provide an uninterrupted supply of soft water 24 hours a day - something that not all water treatment products can do," said Johnson.

Leading consumer rating publications recognize that demand - initiated units, make the most efficient use of salt and water because they actually meter water usage so that the units only regenerate (clean themselves) on demand vs. at preset intervals determined by electric timers. The unique non-electric operation systems also impressed Johnson since they are not subject to power outages or other maintenance concerns. And, the twin-tank design of some conditioners ensures continuous soft water since one tank can take over operation of the unit while the other tank is regenerating.

Other things to look for when shopping for a water conditioner, according to Johnson:

- Third-party certification by an organization such as NSF International to ensure that the product performs as claimed

- A comprehensive manufacturer's warranty that demonstrates the manu-

Sometimes homeowners may not suspect a water quality problem because of where they live. For example, many people who live in urban areas and have city water do not believe they have hard water. But according to the U.S. Geologic Survey, 85 percent of American homes are plagued with hard water, which is defined as water containing calcium and magnesium. The higher the levels of these minerals, the harder the water and the more noticeable the problems.

"Many hard water problems are highly visible," notes Johnson. You probably have a hard water problem if you notice any of the following:

- Spotting on glasses, pots and silverware that cannot easily be wiped away
- Scummy buildup around sinks and bathtub
- Calcium deposits (white spots) on faucets
- Yellowing or graying of white clothes
- Low suds level with soaps, detergents and cleaners
- Dry skin and hair, despite the use of lotions and conditioners

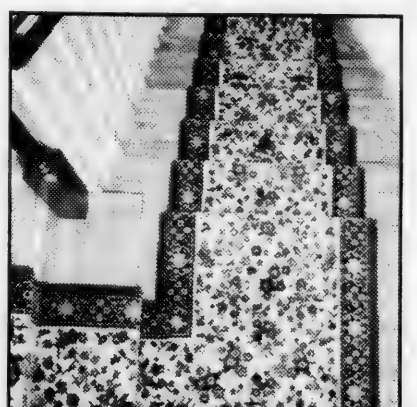
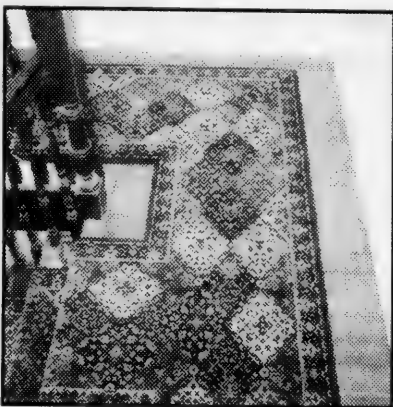
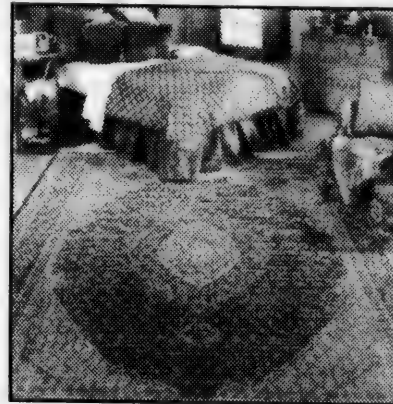
But Johnson points out that not all hard water symptoms are so easy to see. Areas of the house most often affected by these hard-to-spot problems include the plumbing and major water-using appliances, such as the water

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Jones offers these tips to families considering a glass enclosure:

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- Plan for electrical outlets. Many homeowners like to use computers, stereos and televisions and hot tubs in their sunroom. Wiring can be hidden in built-in raceways that help avoid having to trail cords across the room preventing possible accidents.

- Look into new locking systems now available. These systems now provide multi-locking points. Some provide locks out of reach of small toddlers and can provide for security and ventilation at the same time.

- Check energy-performance values of the windows and doors. Double-paned insulated glass is a first step to creating energy tight rooms, but also check the door construction. Better doors are made to limit air escape in corners and around edges and can help save energy dollars.

- Consider blinds and shades for the

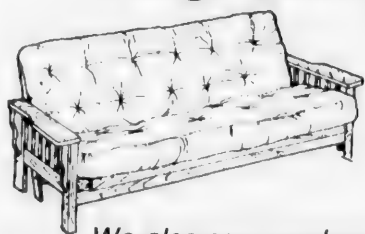
sunroom. Not only do they provide privacy they can help control the comfort of the room by preventing heat buildup. Vertical blinds are ideal because they

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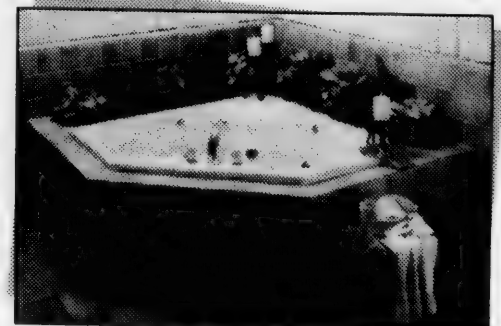
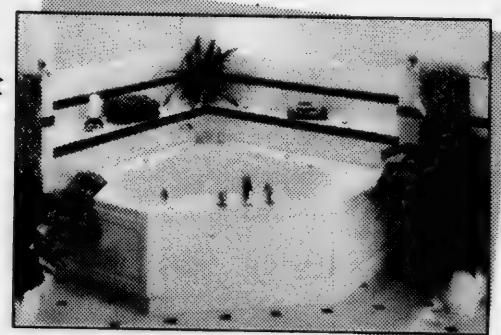
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How-to tips for savvy homeowners

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Consider expert tips from "how-to" programs such as those on The Learning Channel (TLC). Here are a few ideas from JoAnne Liebler of TLC's Home Savvy that can dramatically change the feel of your home:

New life for old hardware

The pulls and hinges on your cabinetry can date the look of your cabinets. Fortunately, they can be easy to replace with new hardware, or you can paint what you have now. Just unscrew the hardware, clean it and rough up the surface with sandpaper. Then, use two or three light coats of rust-resistant spray paint in any color you choose.

Break up that wall

Chair rails can be used in any room to

break up the visual monotony of a wall. To install a chair rail, strike a straight line three feet up from the floor. You'll need a miter saw to cut 45 degree angles at the ends of the trim so they fit at the corners. And be sure to paint your trim before it goes up so you don't have to mask-off your walls.

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Cabinet class with glass

Cabinets with glass inserts are a great way to show off your nice dishes and give your kitchen a fresh open feel.

Most cabinets have a center panel that can be cut out from the backside.

Once this is done, use a router to create an L-shaped recess around the inside. The glass butts into the bottom ledge and is secured with an adhesive.

You can use any type of regular glass you like, or give stained glass a try. It's not that expensive and it can turn a kitchen from feeling like leftovers to being the main course.

Beware of fire hazards

(NAPSA) - According to the U.S. Fire Administration, preventing fires can save over 4,000 lives, and over \$8 billion every year.

To help you protect your home and family, fire safety officials, like the International Association of Fire Chiefs, and building products manufacturers suggest you take the following steps:

- Be especially careful when using electric space heaters. Always check to be sure the system is U.L. approved, and follow the manufacturers' operating instructions carefully. Avoid overloading circuits with multiple extension cords, and above all, never leave a heater operating unattended.

- Be careful where you place a free-standing heater, too. Locate the heater out of traffic lanes where it is likely to be overturned, and make sure it is adequately removed from combustible objects such as furniture, draperies and bedding.

- It is not only large heat-generating devices that pose a fire hazard. Small heat sources such as a candle or oil lamp can be equally dangerous. Always be careful with any open flame; keep it away from combustibles, and have a fire extinguisher handy.

- If you have a fireplace, you should have your chimney cleaned at least every year, depending upon use, to remove built-up soot and resins that could ignite in the flue and cause a fire. In addition, be sure that the fireplace, damper and chimney were thoroughly inspected at the beginning of the season.

- Do not store firewood directly next to the house, and never store it on or under a wooden deck. Instead, keep it covered and dry in a storage area that is detached from the main structure of your home.

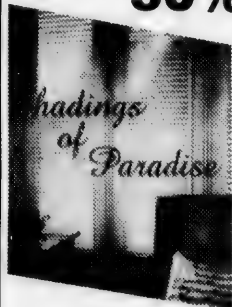
Always be sure the wood you burn is cured and dry. Green wood emits more smoke and resins which can build up quickly, even in a freshly cleaned chimney. What's more, dry wood burns more efficiently.

- Finally, have fire extinguishers, smoke alarms and other fire safety systems inspected regularly.

Fire safety officials have compiled a more extensive list of fire prevention steps, including preventive techniques and advice on early warning and escape systems. The booklet, Fire Safety-What You Need to Know, is available free of charge from Alcoa Building Products. To request the booklet, call (800) 962-6973.

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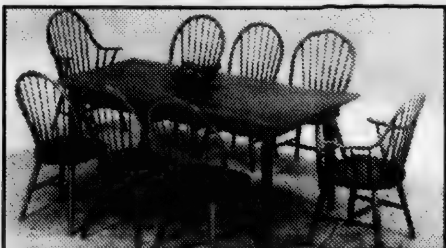
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Flooring Plus offer members retailers like Andover House of Carpets extensive training programs an industry seminars, assuring that each retailer is well-informed and experienced in product selection, decorating assistance and the latest trends in floor covering. With Andover House of Carpets staff's years of experience combined with the additional training and buying power of

the Flooring Plus group, the company is positioned to provide top brand products at prices competitive with large chains, along with superior service available only from an independent, locally owned retailer. Flooring Plus stores offer convenient "Shop at Home" service, which allows customers to take samples and choose flooring in the comfort of their own homes. Along with a variety of purchasing options, this service allows customers to fit their flooring purchases into busy lives and tight budgets. Andover House of Carpets make a priority of customer convenience.

Products sold through Andover House of Carpets are backed by some of the most extensive warranties in the floor covering industry. Independent local owners assure customer satisfaction and stand behind the product, the installation, and the customers total satisfaction. Flooring Plus offers many products with the exclusive "Right Choice" Warranty, which guarantees the customer will be happy with the flooring purchase, or the retailer will replace it with any product of equal value.

Andover House of Carpets owner Tom Taylor and General Manager Andy Caponigro said "We are pleased to be affiliated with Flooring Plus with its high standards of quality and service. We are very excited to have the strength of Flooring Plus backing our years of experience and service at Andover House of Carpets.

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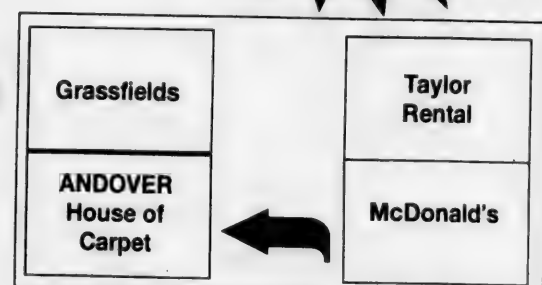
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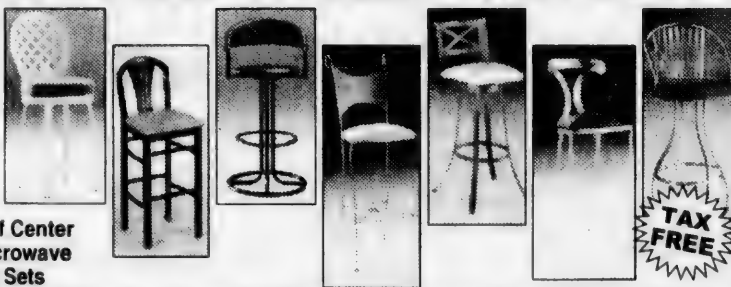
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Home improvement loans help prevent scams

(NAPSA) - Here's good news for homeowners: A new voluntary standard set by lenders may put a stop to certain home improvement scams.

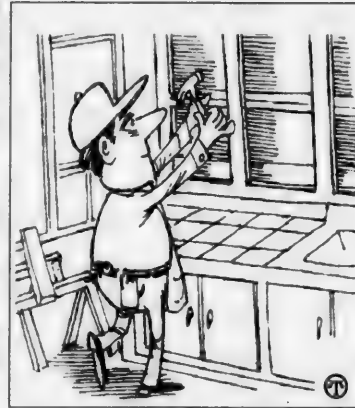
Under the standard, some lenders will not purchase home improvement contracts or make loan payments to a contractor without a job completion certificate signed by the contractor and the homeowner.

Voluntary standard guidelines

The standard has been adopted by the American Financial Services Association (AFSA), a national trade association for market-funded financial services firms that provide credit to consumers and small businesses.

"By implementing this standard, we are serving notice to home improvement contractors that if they want full payment from the lender, they must deliver what they promise the customer," said AFSA President and Chief Executive Financial Officer Randy Lively. "The problem of 'home improvement scams' must be addressed head-on by lenders, contractors and homeowners."

For more information about the lending standards, you can write: AFSA Edu-



cation Foundation, 919 Eighteenth Street, N.W., Dept. HL, Washington, D.C. 20006; or visit the Web site at www.afsaef.org.

The following represents highlights of a voluntary standard of practice subscribed to by members of the American Financial Services Association and the National Home Equity Mortgage Association:

- For any home improvements of \$7,500 or more, lenders shall arrange, prior to the purchase of a home improvement retail installment contract, for a property inspection by any person who knows the work.

- For improvement loans less than \$7,500, the lender will call, send a letter or talk with the customer to confirm that the financed home improvements have been completed.

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Here are some tips in choosing a company that sells home security systems:

- Call several companies, and ask if their employees are trained and/or certified by the NBFAA.
- Ask if they have appropriate state and/or local licenses, if required, and if they screen employees before hiring.
- When the security professional visits, ask to see company identification and for an inspection, demonstration and a price quote in writing. Ask for references.
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By Lee Reich

(AP) - Take a walk around your yard, back to your vegetable or flower garden, and ask yourself if the garden feels connected, visually, to your house. Now, before you are distracted by lush foliage and splashes of flower color, is a good time to assess such unadorned essentials of a landscape. If some connection is lacking, it can be provided, visually and physically, with a path.

The path itself can be very much part of the whole design of your yard. For instance, brick paving might lend itself to a formal garden, wood chips to an informal one. A formal air is also something that comes from straight paths. Curved paths, which are informal, are no less suitable for tying together a landscape.

Whether formal or informal, any garden needs to be balanced around the axis created by a path. One way to achieve balance in a formal setting is with a mirror-image planting on either side of the path. In the informal garden, no need to match plants on either side of the path, but balance the total visual impact. Take into account plant sizes, shapes, colors, and textures.

For example, a large clump of shrubs could be balanced by an expanse of lawn,

some large rocks, or a single large tree.

Note also how a straight path leads you along quickly. The smooth curves of an informal path tend to slow you down in walking or viewing. Not that you have to be hurried along a straight path, because wide paths also invite slower strolls. An abrupt jag in a path can be used to cause hesitation, an opportunity to glimpse a particularly beautiful flower, or an otherwise unnoticed stone carving. The intersection of two paths likewise creates a point of reflection.

You might want something prominent - perhaps a sundial underplanted with bright flowers, or a garden bench - at the end of a path. If you can see the end of the path, have something there worth seeing or going to. An informal path, on the other hand, might curve out of sight, drawing along footsteps or imagination. The sound of unseen water is a good lure.

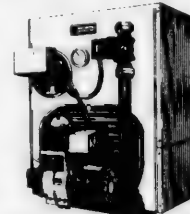
It is especially nice this time of year, when bad weather sometimes prevents going outside, to be able to look out a window and not only enjoy the landscape, but feel part of it. A well-placed path can do this. A well-placed path also provides firm, dry ground on which to trod out to the garden to drop the first seeds of the season into warm ground.

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How you can protect your home

(NU) - Chances are you or someone you know has been burglarized, which accounts for the dramatic increase in the installation of home security systems.

How do these systems keep your home safe? A good standard system is your first line of defense.

According to the National Burglar & Fire Alarm Association (NBFAA), here are a few basic components found in some home security systems:

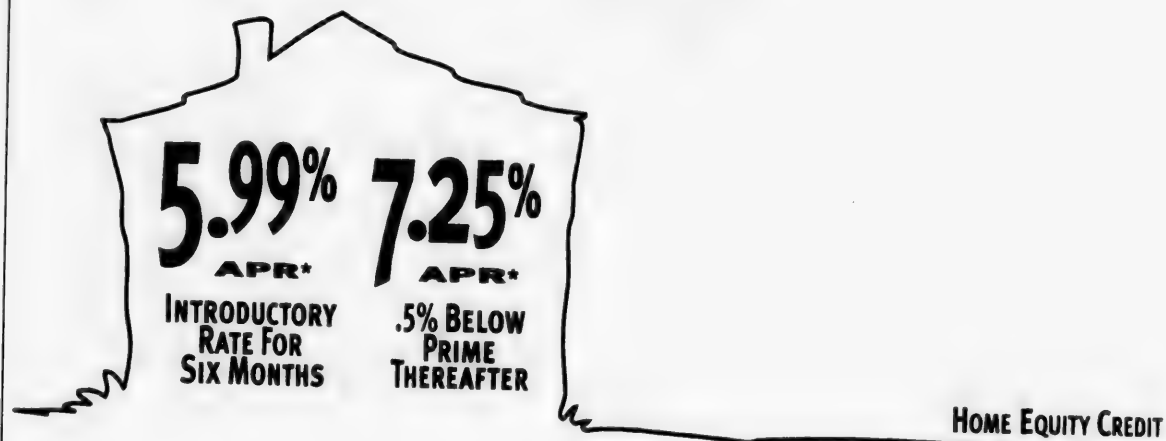
- Closed-circuit TV - A private television system that lets you monitor and/or record inside or outside.

- Monitoring - A home security system should be connected to a 24-hour central monitoring station. Emergency signals from your home are electronically transmitted to the monitoring station, which immediately summons help from police, fire or rescue.

- Panic buttons - Usually located next to beds or alongside doorways, or as hand-held remote units, they can be manually activated if you suspect an intruder or if an intruder tries to force entry.

- Wired screens - The security system is activated if the screen is cut or the screen is removed.

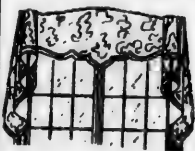
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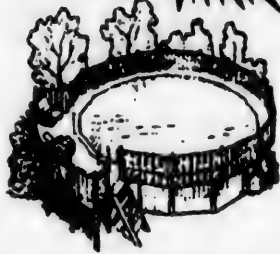
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Avoid panic purchasing: Check your heating system today

(NAPSA) - When it comes to purchasing a heating system, a little research and advanced planning can have a big payoff. That's why the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) suggests that homeowners who purchased their systems more than five years ago have them checked by a contractor.

When heating systems break down, it is typically at the beginning of winter or during periods of peak demand. Not surprisingly, this is also when contractors are busiest and consumers have little time to research options or arrange financing. Too often, consumers in this situation - strapped for time and cash - fail to take into account the total expense of their heating system.

In fact, heating systems really come with two price tags:

- (1) the cost to buy the equipment and
- (2) the cost to run it.

Consumers may be surprised to learn that the cost of purchasing a heating system is minimal when compared to the cost of running it.

When evaluating heating system options, consumers should ask about products with the Energy Star logo. The Energy Star logo, the EPA and U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) symbol for energy efficiency, is a quick way for consumers to identify products that can help save them money on utility bills while helping the environment.

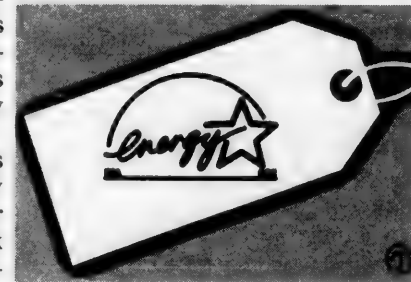
(Most people don't realize that by using electricity and fossil fuel, their homes create more greenhouse gas pollution than their cars.) Heating products with the Energy Star logo are produced by most major manufacturers and have the same features as standard products but also incorporate energy-saving technology.

To get a handle on the second price tag, EPA suggests consumers ask their contractor to estimate the total costs of various system options using EPA software.

While Energy Star-labeled heating and cooling products may cost a bit more up front, the investment can have a significant payoff. For example, over its lifetime, an Energy Star-labeled furnace can save up to \$4,000 in energy costs when compared to a non-Energy Star unit.

To make investing in Energy Star-labeled heating and cooling systems more convenient, manufacturers are beginning to offer special loans. These loans offer preferred terms and interest rates compared to loans commonly available for non-Energy Star equipment. When low monthly payments are combined with utility bill savings from Energy Star systems, the consumer often ends up paying the same or less each month to own a better product.

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Adding or updating central air conditioning? Climate Design has the answers

While it may seem early in the year, now is actually the best time to think about adding or updating central air conditioning at home. Here are just a few of the commonly asked questions and answers provided by Climate Design Systems Inc. of Haverhill.

1. How would I add air conditioning to my home?

If you have forced hot air in your home already, then air conditioning is relatively easy and inexpensive to install. A cooling coil is installed to your existing furnace, and a condenser is placed outside. In the summer, the blower from your furnace draws the air through the cooling coil to be distributed throughout your home.

If you do not have forced hot air, a combination blower and coil unit can be placed in the attic or basement.

2. Is central air conditioning loud and expensive to operate?

The systems are not loud when designed and installed correctly. The two main sources of sound from an air system are the blower and excessive air turbulence. To prevent these problems, a quality installation includes fitting ductwork with acoustical liner. This prevents blower and air noise from echoing throughout the system. Moreover, the units in the attic should be hung from the rafters to prevent vibration on the ceiling below.

3. My existing unit operates just fine, why should I pay to have some-one service it?

A lack of maintenance on your equipment can void your warranties. Regular maintenance ensures you receive the best efficiency (energy savings) and reliability from your equipment.

4. What should I look for in a service department?

First and foremost, the company you choose should have a service department that is separate from installation. Otherwise, you may be forced to wait for repairs for weeks while more profitable installations are being handled.

The service department you select should provide the following:

1) Separate service and installation departments, 2) 24-hour emergency service, 3) quick response time, 4) technicians licensed and factory trained, 5) extensive inventory of parts, and 6) yearly maintenance agreements.

5. Should I choose a higher priced brand? Aren't they all the same?

Many factors differentiate one brand from the next. The quality of materials and engineering design are directly linked to the warranty, efficiency and reliability of a unit. A brand with a higher initial cost may be less expensive over time due to fewer service calls and lower electric bills.

6. As long as it cools or heats, is the size of my air conditioning or heating system really that important?

Size is very important. Oversizing a unit has serious drawbacks, and is even illegal in some states, including Massachusetts. An oversized unit will heat or cool your home very quickly. Unfortunately, it will also result in higher electric bills, increased maintenance costs and uneven temperatures. In order to be dehumidified, the air needs to be steadily circulated through the cooling coil in order to drain the air of moisture.

A heating and cooling load calculation should be done by the contractor to determine what size unit your home needs. "Rules of thumb" are not sufficient because many things can affect the load in your home: the amount of sunlight, direction the house faces, amount of insulation, and even the number of people and appliances.

7. If all my estimates are quoting the same equipment, isn't the lowest priced contractor a better value?

A quality, established dealer has access to many resources to aid in the design, installation and servicing of your system. These resources allow the dealer to customize a total comfort system for your family. One way to determine how well a dealer stands behind his work is to look at the labor warranty. It should match the parts warranty on equipment.

The best contractors will send out a professional representative of the company to perform a complete home survey. This is a fact gathering visit that would include measuring the rooms, windows and the insulation in the walls, attic and basement. It should also include a brief interview to identify your lifestyle requirements and any unusual factors to consider in design, such as medical issues.

Other important considerations when choosing a dealer are insurance, licensing, manufacturer's rating and professional memberships. Climate Design Systems, for example, is fully insured and licensed and maintains memberships in the Better Business Bureau, Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. and the Air Conditioning Contractors of America, among others. The company has also earned a D 5 status from Lennox - the highest attainable rating.

You may also wish to consider visiting a dealer's facility to determine capabilities before making a decision. At Climate Design Systems, for instance, a visitor would note an in-house sheet metal shop, enabling custom fabrication of ductwork; and crews composed of installers, sheet metal fabricators, plumbers, pipefitters, electricians and service technicians. The more services a dealer can provide in-house, the more options become available for your home.

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There's a better solution for filtered water at home

(NUI) – The experts say we should drink eight glasses of water a day. And that's good advice, but more people today are concerned about the quality of their drinking water.

The \$480-million U.S. residential water treatment industry is booming as consumers search for ways to improve bad taste and smell in their drinking water. One in five consumers is dissatisfied with the quality of his or her house water, citing chlorine, bad taste and odor as the dominant concerns.

Home filtration systems solved the problem of better quality water delivered directly into the home, but it also meant unsightly equipment had to be displayed on the kitchen counter or took up valuable space underneath the sink.

The best answer would be a kitchen faucet that would provide filtered water directly from the tap, without all the mess. And that's the bright idea behind a new kitchen faucet from Price Pfister. The faucet features a Teledyne Water Pik filter built right into the spout and supplies chlorine-free fresh water at a fraction of the cost of other filtered water alternatives.

The faucet provides a continuous supply of filtered or unfiltered water with

the turn of a knob. The replaceable carbon filter can filter about 200 gallons of water before it needs changing (or about three months for a family of four).

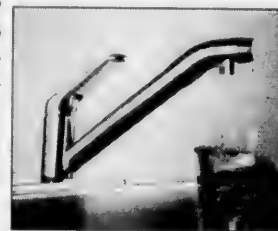
It replaces other more expensive alternatives, such as bottled water and undersink filtration systems. The simple, in-spout filter solution clears up kitchen and counter space cluttered by water pitchers or cooler stands.

"We are providing consumers with a more convenient solution to their fil-

tered water needs," says Gary Rosenfield, vice president of marketing and product management. "For the first time, there is an affordable faucet with a filter built in that is easy to use, easy to install, and changing the filter is as easy as changing a battery in a flashlight."

The replaceable filter, UL tested and approved, removes bad taste and odor and reduces 95 percent of chlorine. The filter does not remove fluoride, which is essential to healthy teeth.

The new single-control faucet is available in chrome or white finishes and with or without side spray. The new Pfilter Pf faucet, as well as the Teledyne Water Pik replacement filters, are available at home improvement centers throughout the country.



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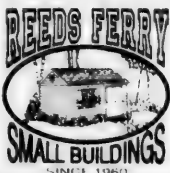
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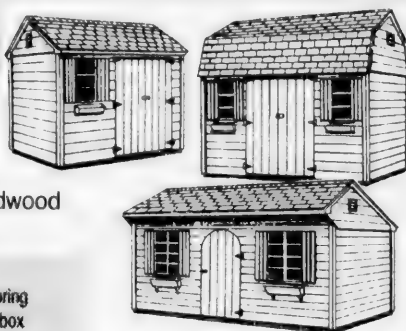


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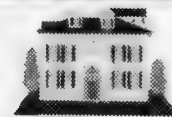
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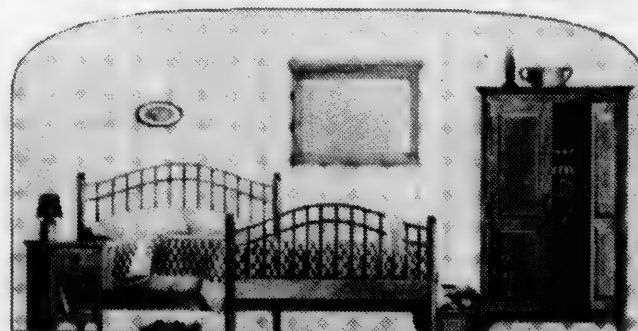
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"We've made the strategic decision to leave the competitive and unprofitable stereo business behind," explained Major Brands Manager Mike Baron. "In its place, we've created high-end appliance showrooms within our stores to do justice to the built-in appliances that designers, architects and builders are incorporating into much of the new construction and renovation happening throughout New England."

"It's so important to have a place where customers can see how fine built-in appliances can look," said Dave Souter, manager of the Southern New Hampshire operation, Baron's Major Appliance. "Most appliance stores don't want to make the investment, but we saw great potential based on our relation-



Built-ins display at Baron's Major Appliances showroom

ships with our customers, as well as our contacts with local designers, architects and builders."

With two distinctively separate retail corporations - Major Brands in Laconia and Concord, N.H., and Baron's Major Appliance in Salem and Plaistow, N.H., the Baron family have a unique operation. Though the two companies are run independently of each other, and each caters to its own unique markets, Baron cousins Mike and Dave rely heavily on each other as sounding boards, marketing consultants and inventory specialists.

"We both knew this was the right decision," said Mike Baron. "Built-ins can't be bought from a picture in a catalog.

They are unique, they're exciting, they deserve more attention."

Last May, Dave Souter's Salem, N.H. showroom opened inside his Baron's Major Appliance store with a crowd of more than 200 people. A prepared gourmet food demonstration using the showroom's new live kitchen theater was performed by a local chef for customers during its May opening.

Two weeks later, customers lined up outside Mike Baron's Laconia store to wait for special sales and a gourmet repast prepared by Gilford, N.H. chef Curt Chelsey. Owner of

Curt's Catering, chef Chelsey was noted by Martha Stewart in her *Weddings* book for his catering of an estate wedding "On Golden Pond." Mr. Chelsey told visitors that the live kitchen theater's Thermador Professional range on which he prepared the day's cuisine was "the best gas appliance I have ever cooked on," noting that he cooked in kitchens all over the United States for private affairs large and small.

Both appliance retailers are dedicated to change and vision. Mr. Souter's southern New Hampshire operation, which

services not only the Granite State, but also the Lawrence and Andover area, has been distinguished by Market Surveys of America for two years running as "Best of the Best" in service.

"We want customers to get excited about appliances," said Mr. Baron. "We want them to be able to experience how truly beautiful a range of refrigerators can be. We see this as one more way to satisfy our customers. Service and personal relationships are how we have built this business for the past 50 years."



Guests marvel at the culinary delights being prepared at Baron's Major Appliances showroom.

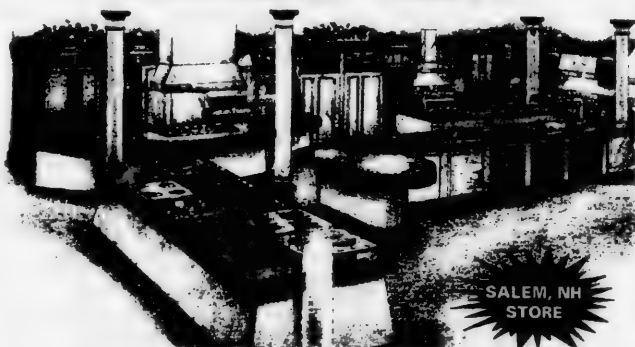
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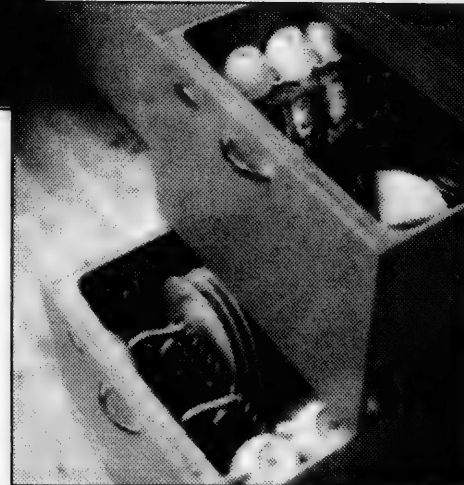
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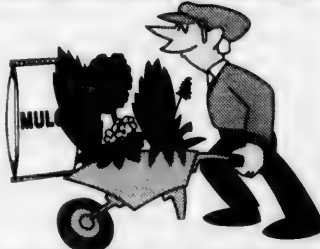
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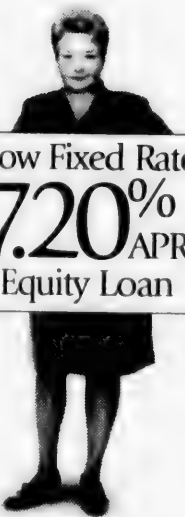
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What homeowners should know when disasters strike

With insured property losses in the United States topping \$32 billion annually, a natural disaster, accident or criminal act that causes property damage to your home can be devastating - even though you may be well insured. That's why it's critical to have a disaster plan in place, so you know what to do when a crisis occurs. Paul W. Davis Systems, Inc., a property damage restoration company, offers these tips for homeowners to deal with disasters while waiting for expert assistance.

Water, water everywhere! When water damages your home

It doesn't have to be a major disaster to seem like one. When a pipe bursts, a roof leaks, or a heavy rain causes flooding and you're faced with dealing with water damage, either minor or major, it's often difficult to think clearly. Doing the right things can control the damage, while doing the wrong things can exacerbate the situation and even increase your losses.

- Disconnect all electrical power to affected areas.
- Stop the flow of water if possible. For example, if the problem is a broken pipe or backed up plumbing, turn the water off at the master shut-off valve.

- Remove as much of the standing water as you can as quickly - but with care and caution - as possible.

- Place furniture on aluminum foil or wood blocks to prevent further damage to both the furniture and the carpet or flooring. This also allows the carpet to dry more quickly.

- Remove all cushions, rugs, books, paintings and other similar items to a place with good air circulation where they can dry faster and mold is less likely to develop.

- Remove valuable paintings and pictures from wet walls. Transfer all art objects to a safe place.

- Open all drawers and doors, including closets and cabinets, for maximum aeration and drying. Open suitcases and luggage to dry, in sun-light if possible.

- Hang furs and leather goods to dry separately at room temperature, then take them to a dry cleaner that specializes in their treatment.

Don't:

- Do not use any electrical appliances such as fans, hair dryers, or vacuums while the floor on which you are standing is still wet.

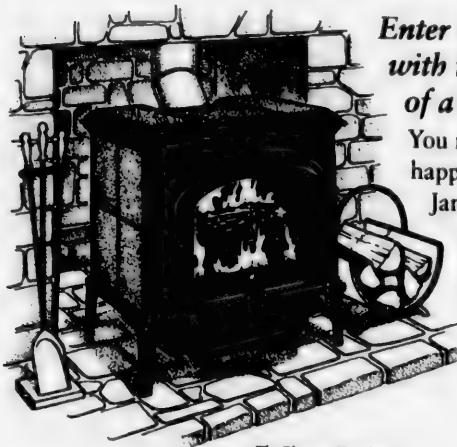
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The handling of trees and shrubs is crucial to their health. Root systems are intricate and fragile, as is new growth. Proper and even watering is essential. Laschi Brothers' emphasis is on individual care of their material, not the mass neglect of warehouse stores. Careful handling for transport home is vital to ensuring a healthful transition from the garden center to the home. Trees and shrubs add color and life to the home - they should enjoy a long and healthy life.

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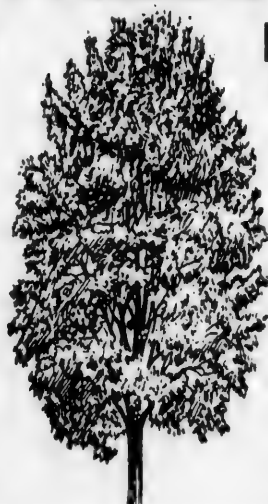
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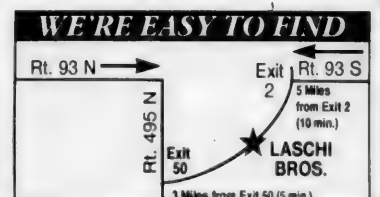
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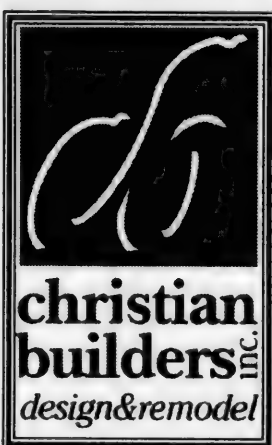
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- Do not turn on ceiling fixtures if the ceiling is wet.
- Do not enter rooms where the ceiling is very wet because the plaster could fall and cause injury.
- Do not use newspaper to absorb moisture; soggy paper is difficult to work with, and the newspaper will leave stains.
- Do not leave colored items of any kind on wet or damp floors or carpets.
- Do not walk on carpets more than absolutely necessary until they have completely dried.

Once the fire is out

Few things are more devastating than the experience of seeing your home damaged by fire. With the direct damage from the flames and the indirect damage from smoke and water, even a small kitchen fire can create a big mess. But once the flames are out and the fire trucks have departed, what should you do?

- Call your insurance agent or company adjuster immediately and begin the claims process.
- Remove all pets to a clean, safe environment.

• If your electricity has been turned off for safety reasons, empty your refrigerator and freezer and prop the doors open. This will keep mold and odors from forming.

• Do not use any of your electrical appliances that were either plugged in at the time of the fire or that may have been damaged by the heat, smoke or water, until they have been checked out and determined safe by a service technician.

• Protect your plumbing if you are unable to occupy your home temporarily. If you are in a northern climate and there is a possibility of freezing, call a plumber to drain the plumbing system and winterize commodes with anti-freeze. Do not leave water in toilet bowls, sinks or anywhere that might be damaged if the water freezes.

• Close connecting doors to localize smoke odors as much as possible.

• When you are in the house, open windows and ventilate as much as possible; however, do not leave the property unattended with the windows open.

• If the furnace and/or air conditioning system is being used, cover air registers with cheese cloth to limit the circulation of odors.

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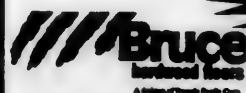
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Create a 'natural' living room - out doors

As the weather warms up, back-yards across America become the gathering place of choice for many friends and families. As a result, more Americans are transforming their

how you plan to use it. Dining and upscale entertaining requires a different mood than backyard barbecues and sun-bathing.

Choose deck furniture

Once you have determined how you want to use your deck, it is easy to decide on furniture.

There are several outdoor furniture options to suit your lifestyle. Wrought iron furniture is more elegant, as opposed to the contemporary feel of cast aluminum.

Rattan and wicker are both popular furniture styles that can give a light, tropical flair to your deck.

If you plan to entertain on your deck, a bar setup with stools might be of interest, or perhaps an outdoor dining set. If your deck will be a place for loung-

ing and relaxation, a wide variety of patterns and styles are available in settees, chairs and loveseats.

Relaxing requires sling-back chairs and chaise lounges. With pillows, these can be as comfortable as your indoor sofa. Dining requires a more formal table and chairs. If you'll be doing both, you can blend these two looks together.

Be creative with color

The deck itself has several possibilities for creative flair. Various levels, as well as stairs, railings and benches can give dimension to a deck.

Adding color by staining floorboards and railings is a simple way to create a refreshing splash to your home. Consider two-toning your deck, using complementary colors for different levels or surfaces. White railings look great with natural wood tone flooring. Remember that the color of your deck and your house do not need to match perfectly, but should complement each other nicely.

There are different levels of opacity in color stain. Choosing a semi-transparent stain, which allows some of the wood grain to show through, can give a more natural look. On the other hand, a solid color stain, which shows no wood grain, can give your deck a dramatic feel, without the maintenance problems associated with paint. Solid colors may be better for older decks while semi-transparent are great for new wood.

Once you have decided upon the colors for your deck find a stain that won't peel off or fade in the sun. You will want your deck looking good for years without having to re-stain.

Create mood with outdoor lighting

You can use lighting to create a mood on your deck in the same way you do indoors. Just as candles can create a romantic ambiance, so too can lawn torches. And, these torches of light can also serve the purpose of keeping mosquitoes away if they are citronella-scented.

Another illumination option is weatherproof lighting. With today's electrical engineering, you can light your railings, benches and stairs, adding dimension to your deck and preventing stumbling over objects in the dark. And, this form of lighting will not be damaged by the elements.

Bring beauty to your outdoor living room with landscaping

Landscaping is important for the aesthetic quality of your deck and you can involve the entire family in the creation and maintenance. Winding stone walkways, beds of flowers that bloom year around, large rocks and trees are all examples of creative landscaping. Choose items that will complement your deck. Have your children help you with decision-making and the upkeep of your landscaping.

Keep your outdoor living room looking as nice as your indoor

The wooden planks of your deck are like the carpet for your outdoor living room. Keeping them clean and in condition are key. If your deck looks dirty and gray, restore its natural beauty with a non-bleach deck cleaner. This will remove surface and ground-in dirt without damaging the sensitive fibers of the wood or stripping the wood's natural color. Cleaning is a good idea once a year.



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Creating an outdoor living room is a creative and fun project that can involve the entire family. The Flood Company, deck care experts for more than 150 years, offers these tips for homeowners:

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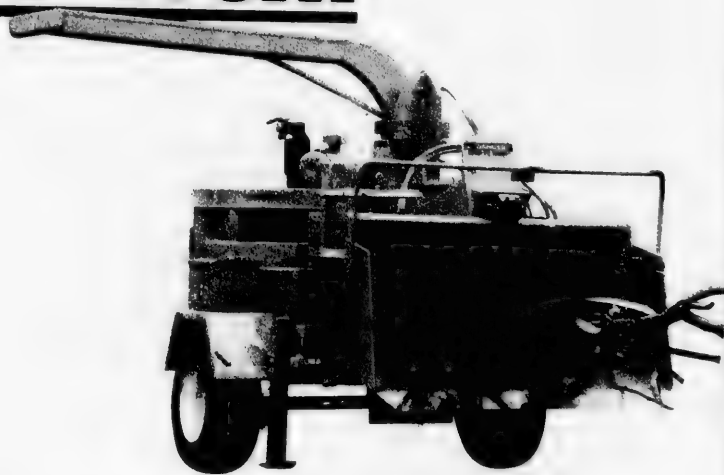
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- Wash plants with mild soap and water, cleaning both sides of the leaves.

- Do not consume exposed food items or canned goods which have been subjected to excessive heat.

- Do not try to clean walls, ceilings, or absorbent surfaces like upholstered furniture and drapes yourself; this is a task best left to trained professionals with the proper equipment. Also, do not use upholstered furniture until a professional restoration expert has checked it out and declared it clean and safe.

In many cases, the smoke, water and aftermath of a fire is as much or more damaging to a home than the fire itself. You can minimize this damage by doing the right things and not doing the wrong things before the professionals arrive. If you are in doubt, do nothing until you consult with a professional.

When vandals strike

Vandals can strike for a variety of reasons: bored youngsters, someone

with a grudge, a gang or fraternity initiation. Regardless of the motivation, if your home or office is the target of vandals, you need to know what to do – and not do – to expedite the clean-up and avoid making a bad situation worse.

Here are some tips for what to do when vandals strike:

1. Notify the police and call your insurance agent to get the claims process underway.

2. Take photographs of the damage.

3. If the vandals used eggs or other spoiled food items,

wash or hose down the exterior of the building before the materials dry and bake onto the surface.

4. Sweep or vacuum up small pieces of broken glass and other sharp materials to avoid potential injury.

5. Scrape up and then blot – but don't rub – any freshly spilled food from carpets and upholstery.

6. Retrieve and retain all broken pieces of porcelain and art objects.

7. Arrange for a knowledgeable disaster clean up and restoration service to deal with the mess.

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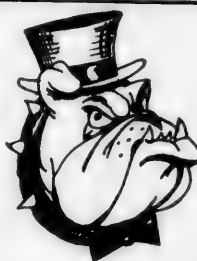


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What homeowners should know when disasters strike

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As critical as knowing what to do is knowing what not to do, and that includes:

1. Do not try to remove ink or paint spills. Proper, effective removal requires expert knowledge of the chemical components of the material used. If containers were left on the premises, save them so the restoration expert can analyze the contents and use the appropriate removal techniques.

2. Do not try to use damaged lamps

or other electrical appliances and devices until they have been checked and confirmed safe by an electrician.

3. Do not attempt to remove large pieces of glass from window panes or picture frames.

4. Do not discard pieces of broken furniture because restoration experts can often repair damaged items very effectively. In fact it's a good idea to not discard anything until the insurance adjuster has completed his work and the clean-up process is ready to begin.



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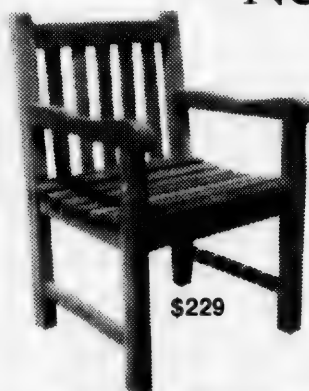
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Reel lawn mowers push for comeback in the '90s

(NUI) - Lately, it seems that some of the best things from the past have begun to reappear. Take lava lamps, for instance, or the latest rendition of the venerable Volkswagen Beetle.

Here's another item to add to the list: reel lawn mowers.

Remember the mowers our grandfathers pushed across the lawn? They're back in style. But today's reel mowers are lighter and easier to maintain.

While using a reel mower is great exercise, it's also healthy for your lawn. The clean, even, scissor-cut of a reel mower sutures the grass blade, holding much-needed moisture in and keeping out disease-bearing organisms, according to horticulturists. There's no ripping or tearing.

Originally developed in England in the 1830s, reel mowers were advertised as "an amusing, useful and healthy exerciser for the country gentleman."

The earliest American-made reel mowers were manufactured by the American Lawn Mower Co. in 1895. Production records from the spring of 1896

show that 4,000 mowers were produced and sold. A price list for eight models featured costs from \$2.20 to \$4.75 each.

Today, reel mowers are as popular as ever for several reasons:

- Soaring land prices have pushed Americans to build homes on small lots or to buy low-maintenance condominiums. Reel mowers are easier and more economical to use.

- Concern for the environment also has played a role in the resurgence of reel mowers. The Environmental Protection Agency says that power lawn mowers dumped approximately 110,000 metric tons of hydrocarbon pollutants into the air during 1990.

Reel mowers don't require gas or oil and they emit no fumes.

- Reel mowers are safer than power mowers. The Consumer Product Safety Commission reports that more than 55,000 people are treated in emergency rooms annually for

injuries involving power mowers. Reel mowers are noted for safety - they stop when you do and are less likely to throw stones and debris.

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Reel lawn mowers push for comeback in the '90s

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again, reel mowers will be here to stay.

Cultivate a greener healthier lawn and stay fit, too.

Reel mowers are also more environmentally friendly than their power mower cousins, and they offer more fitness benefits to those who use them.

Today's reel mowers are lighter and easier to maintain than their predecessors. The back-and-forth action of reel mowing adds to the body's workout, strengthening back, chest, arm and leg muscles.

According to the Cooper Institute for Aerobic Research, an average 150-pound person burns between 330 to 600 calories per hour pushing a reel mower, compared to 300 to 400 calories pushing a power mower. That makes using a reel mower comparable to tennis, downhill skiing and low-impact aerobics.

While it's great to know that using a reel mower helps keep you fit, it's also good to know it keeps your lawn in better shape. Proper mowing is essential to a healthy lawn and can increase lawn quality by 30 percent or more.

Here are some suggestions from a leader in building reel mowers since 1895:

- Mow frequently enough to maintain the desired height, but do not remove more than one inch – or one-third of the grass blades height, whichever is less – in one cutting. Horticulturists say cutting grass blades by more than a third causes the plant to stop cell division, weakening it.

- Proper mowing height depends on the type of grass. As a general rule, warm-season grasses – types that grow well in the warmer southern climates of the United States – can be cut shorter than cool-season grasses found in the cooler northern climates of the United States.

- Keep the mower blade sharp. A dull blade tears the grass, making the lawn more susceptible to disease and drought. If not sharpened monthly, rotary power mower blades can become dull, chopping and ripping grass. A reel mower can go one or more cutting seasons before it needs sharpening.
- Alternate mowing patterns. Mowing in the same direction creates wear patterns in the lawn.

Using a reel mower can help you keep your lawn in shape, but a healthy lawn is more than pleasing to the eye. It also purifies water, builds topsoil, and reduces sunlight glare and noise pollution.

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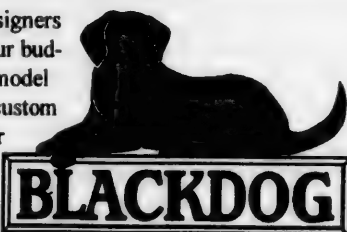
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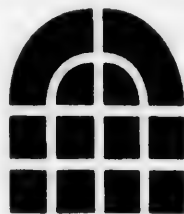
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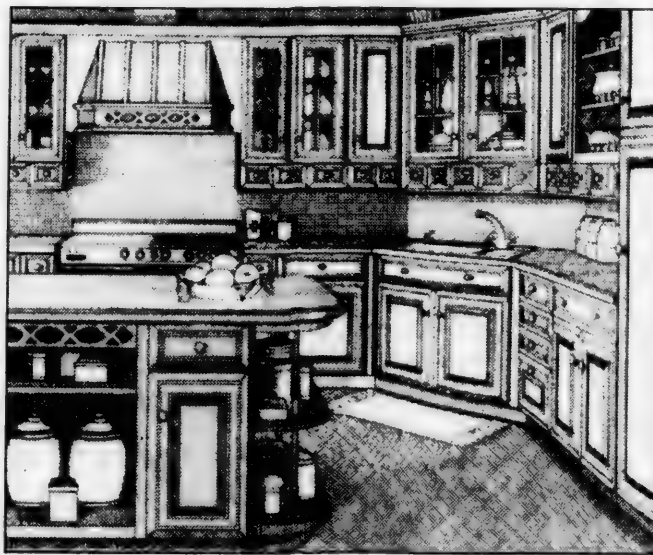


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(NAPSA) - When you use treated wood properly in a deck or landscaping, it can serve you effectively and safely for decades. Wood has long been a favorite building material. And once pressure-treated with preservative, it can withstand wood's natural outdoor enemies: termites and decay. That's why preserved wood has become so popular—especially the types of treated wood commonly sold at lumber outlets for backyard projects.

A detailed EPA-approved Consumer Information Sheet for proper handling and use of preserved wood should be available from your local building products retailer, or go to the American Wood Preservers Institute web site at www.awpi.org. In the meantime, here are some tips for safe and proper use of pressure-treated wood.

The many uses of preserved wood

Pressure-treated outdoor wood building projects include: decks, walkways, retaining walls, fences, posts, picnic tables, benches, gazebos, dog houses, bird feeders, poles and piling, playground equipment, planter boxes, tomato stakes, swimming pool side walls, sill plates, exterior stairways, soffit and fascia, docks, bridges and bulkheads.

Treated lumber and plywood can also be used inside residences where dampness and temperature provide suitable habitats for wood-destroying organisms, as in wood foundations, floor joists, and

underlay in bathrooms and utility rooms. Always clean up and dispose of sawdust and construction debris after construction.

When you purchase pressure-treated wood, select wood that has a clean

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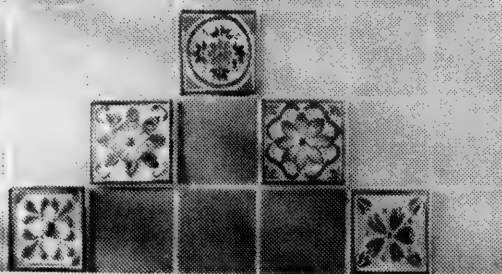
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It's just common sense

Working with pressure-treated wood requires the same precautions as those observed when working with untreated wood or most other building materials:

- Wear gloves to avoid splinters.
- Be careful in lifting and moving bulky materials.
- Protect your eyes from sawdust and flying particles. When power-sawing and machining wear goggles.

• Frequent or prolonged inhalation of sawdust can irritate throats and nasal passages. When sawing or machining wood, treated or untreated, wear a dust mask. It's best to perform these operations outdoors when possible to avoid indoor accumulations of airborne dust.

• After working with wood-and before eating, drinking, or use of tobacco products-wash exposed areas thoroughly. If sawdust accumulates on clothes, clean them before reuse. Wash heavily soiled clothes separately from other household wash.

Disposal

Treated wood scraps that are not usable can be discarded by ordinary trash collection. Never burn treated

wood scraps in open fires or in stoves, fireplaces or residential boilers since this could produce toxic substances as part of the smoke or ashes. Treated wood from commercial or industrial construction may be disposed of by following local landfill rules or burned in commercial or industrial incinerators or boilers in accordance with state and federal regulations.

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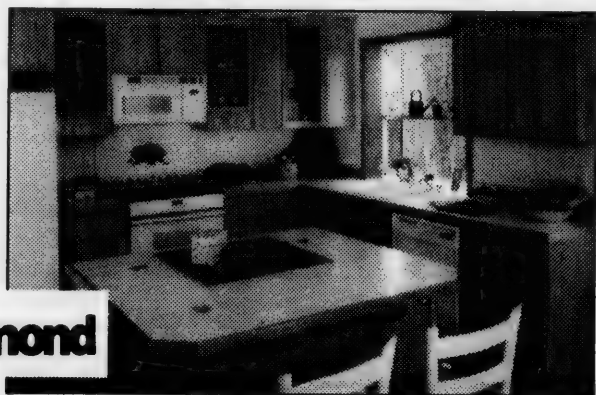
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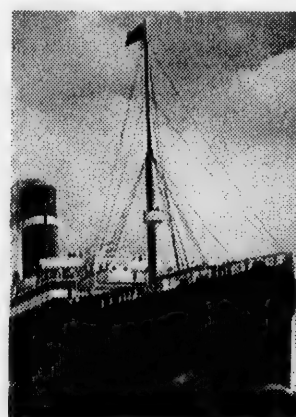
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Adding an arbor to your garden

Your garden is as much a reflection of your personality and the things in life that are most important to you as is the interior of your home.

But there's a great difference in most people's attitude towards these two important areas of their lives. Every so often they will decide to give their rooms a totally new look: refinish the walls, replace drapes and window coverings, move the furniture around or change it completely. Out with the old - in with the new. But rare indeed is a major overhaul of the yard or garden.

A garden, once established, usually changes very little over the years and whatever changes are made come gradually. Much of the joy we take in our garden comes from its continuity. Watching the familiar cycle of blossoming and transitions of color and foliage offers reassurance that this part of our life, at least, will remain unchanging.

One of the more acceptable changes that can be made to a garden with little effort and without disturbing its continuity is putting in an arbor. For an arbor not only provides an attractive accent in itself, it also adds an opportunity for a display of some romantic old-

fashioned climbing roses or a clematis or other flowering vine. Or it can be placed so that it frames the entry to your garden or a special vista.

Selecting your arbor

Enterprising do-it-yourselfers may wish to build their own; sets of plans are available. But although an arbor is a simple structure it is not an easy project to build from scratch. A good wood arbor demands high grade materials, preferably rot-resistant. The best-looking arbors include lattice in their construction and require special care in cutting and fitting.

The best approach is to assemble an arbor from a kit. Kits are available nationally through lawn and garden supply retailers. They are offered in a variety of styles, including the popular pergola models and gabled styles.

Placing your arbor

There are many places in the garden where an arbor can provide an attractive addition:

- As the entry to the yard or garden, or to a special garden walk.
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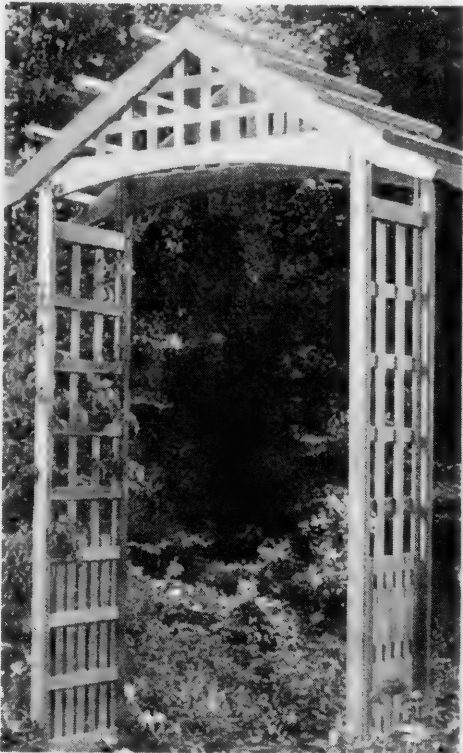
- To frame a view, either of part of your garden or of a vista beyond.

- On a section of lawn, with profusely-blooming roses or other flowering climbers, like clematis honeysuckle or columbine, etc. make a key feature of your yard.

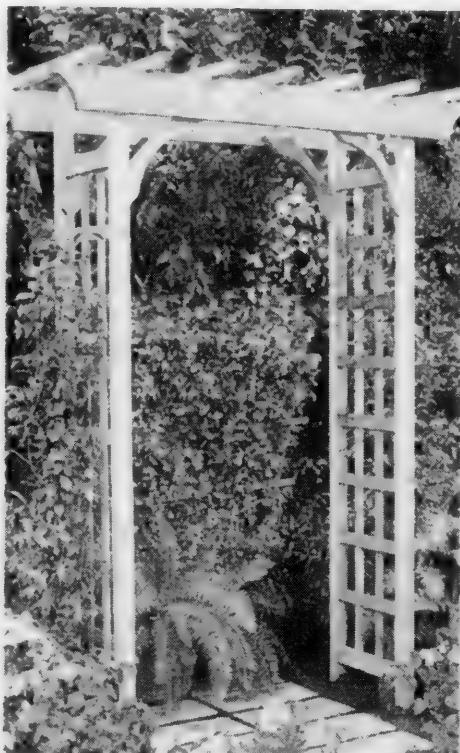
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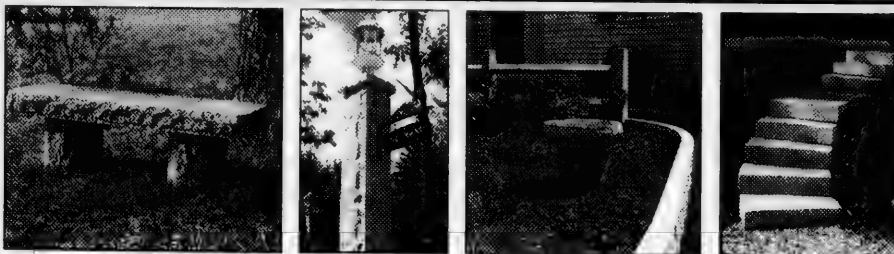
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(NAPSA) – New products are enabling homeowners to get longer life from their wood building projects.

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Technology provided a defense against termites and rot with the development of pressure treatment processes that inject preservative solutions deep into wood.

Pressure-treated wood resists damage from wood-destroying organisms for decades, providing a long-lasting building material for backyard projects and reducing demand on forest resources.

Moisture has been a tougher problem for science to overcome. As with many other porous materials, wood swells when it gets wet and shrinks as it dries. This cycle of expansion and contraction leads to warping, cracking, and premature aging. Even though the wood remains functional, its beauty deteriorates.

To counteract these effects,

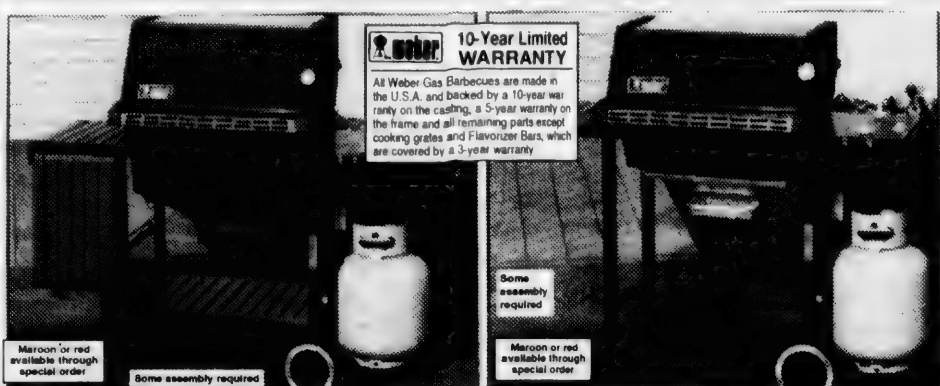
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Changing the colors in your home?

(NU) - Question one: Are you planning to change the colors in your home, but find you're putting the project off because you don't have time to manage it?

Question two: Are you concerned about staying within a budget while getting the best paint for your money?

Question three: Are you worried about selecting the paints and colors that project the image you want to create?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, it makes sense to consult with a professional interior designer for some answers to your concerns.

"Interior designers are qualified to help homeowners make the right decisions through their education, examination and experience. That's why there is added value in consulting with an interior designer before making major decisions like changing the color of your home's interior walls," says Melinda Sechrist, ASID, owner of Sechrist Design Associates Inc. in Seattle.

Interior design is a very personal process, and professional designers understand how to create the function and feeling clients want. Also, they understand how to suggest alternative color schemes rather than imposing ideas that may not fit the homeowner's vision.

It's wise for a homeowner to consult with a professional interior designer to achieve a sense of style or feeling and to help manage the contractors who may

be required to complete the project. Interior designers have the training and expertise to manage all of the details efficiently. In the end, homeowners will find that they can optimize their budgets when they use the services of a professional interior designer.

Charles Gandy, ASID, owner of Gandy/Peace Inc. in Atlanta adds, "Interior design is all about understanding what homeowners want and creating a look that projects the feeling they desire. To do that, we have to be effective communicators and project managers. That includes budget and time management as well as using effective interpersonal skills."

How can you find the right designer to help you make decisions about changing the colors in your home? This process may take a little time and effort, but it can prove to be well worth the trouble because designers know where to find the right paints and they often have access to a wider variety of options. When homeowners choose an interior designer who is affiliated with the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID), they can be confident that they are working with someone who meets the industry's most demanding professional and ethical requirements.

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Wood replacement sash can save old woodwork

(NUI) – Part of the beauty of an older home is in the woodwork. When you decide to remodel, it's important to consider how the woodwork will be affected by your plans.

A common home improvement project to bring an older home up to today's energy-efficiency standards is to replace the windows. But if you don't want to disturb your home's existing architecture, you can choose a window sash replacement system instead – leaving the fine craftsmanship of the old woodwork in place.

Jamb liners and sashes are the most common sources of leaks and drafts. By replacing only those two features, you don't disturb the original window frame, plaster or woodwork – an important consideration for people living in historic or period homes.

Jam liners and sashes can be installed in a relatively short time, while the win-

dow frame and trim pieces remain in place. Double-hung sashes, crafted of solid western pine, run in smooth, vinyl tracks.



Some other benefits of replacement jams and sashes are:

- Tilt-in sash for easy cleaning from the inside.
- Tight fit to eliminate drafts.
- Less expensive than most vinyl or aluminum replacement systems.
- Optional argon-filled LoE2 insulated glass to reduce heating and cooling bills can replace the window.

Most replacement windows and sashes are available in many standard sizes and also can be custom-sized to assure a perfect fit.

Preserving the integrity of the original architecture helps your older home keep its value. If you can do that while making it more comfortable and energy-efficient, the resale value improves even more.

Beautiful windows can save energy

(NAPSA) – When it comes to making houses more energy efficient, many American homeowners are exploring new windows of opportunity.

One option that's gaining in popularity is vinyl replacement windows. Homeowners are finding that these fixtures are not only low-cost and low-maintenance, but that many models have been designed for state-of-the-art thermal efficiency.

Vinyl replacement windows can improve both the look and feel of a home year-round by helping to maintain a comfortable interior environment regardless of outside weather conditions.

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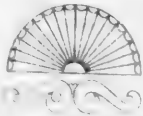
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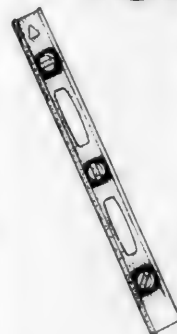
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Kitchen design signals an age of hospitality

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the world."

Designer Barton Lidsky of the Hammer & Nail, Wyckoff, concurs.

"Our clients want kitchens with a distinct open-door policy," he says. "They want them to be comfortable and functional for everyday meals and family activities, but they also want them to

kitchen where every counter is helter-skelter with stuff that should have been stowed away," explains O'Hanlon. "Before we design, we interview our clients and find out how they cook and entertain, so we know if they need extra freezer space, two dishwashers, an additional sink, cabinets that will store baking paraphernalia, a place to display pretty china, or cabinets especially outfitted to hold trays, small appliances, giant bags of kibbles for the family dog, etc. It's quite involved, and it's not a task for do-it-yourselfers. It takes a professional designer to sort it all out. Nor is it a task for ordinary cabinetry. Only custom cabinetry can meet the requirements of these demanding kitchens."

Hospitable colors

Since cabinets are the major element of every kitchen, it follows that they dictate the way the room will look. Today, cabinetry comes in an infinite range of styles, colors and finishes, so any look is possible. However, O'Hanlon and Lidsky say that cabinets in light, warm colors and finishes are popular for busy, informal family kitchens, while rich, dark finishes are often chosen by homeowners, who prefer traditional rooms and formal entertaining.

Lidsky adds that many homeowners still love white kitchens.

"In a way, the big white kitchen is akin to the little black dress," he says. "It can be anything you want it to be:

dressy, casual, sophisticated, basic ... What makes it interesting ... besides the accessorizing, of course ... are the many new whites. They are gentler and warmer, a far cry from yesteryear's glaring whites. And besides, the whites - like any other color or stain - can be pickled, antiqued, distressed, weathered, and much more."

Moldings, columns and other architectural features, custom-painted tile murals, stone floors with unusual borders and unique collections are other elements that are often used to make every kitchen highly personal.

"The best kitchens are those where family and guests want to linger," smiles O'Hanlon. "Let us face it, as technology speeds us into the 21st century, a wonderful kitchen with such age-old values as beauty, good food and friends is a great anchor."

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The white kitchen has come a far way since its cold, clinical days. Here, a linen finish is used to give cabinetry a look that is clean, but also warm. Artistic tile work and fine architectural details add beauty and interest.

in kitchen planning. There we're bidding farewell to the age of cocooning and welcoming the age of hospitality.

"Our clients still consider the kitchen their comfort zone," explains designer Alyson O'Hanlon, a partner at Rutt of New York City. "But they're no longer closing the door on the outside world. Instead they're welcoming others in and entertaining more. It seems like people seek a community closeness we associate with the past, probably as a reaction to the high-tech world all around us.

"In design, this translates not just to kitchens that have room for a crowd, but also to the way they look. While we often revisit the past, with heirloom touches and elegant architectural features, we give them a new, highly personal spin, and we also look to the future with a fresh, global perspective. We do that with design inspirations from around

work for weekend entertaining and week-day meetings of the Drama Club or Soccer Committee."

Proper storage counts

Lidsky, who has won numerous design awards, explains that the new hospitable kitchen starts with an open floor plan with logical placements of appliances and serving/eating areas to allow family members and guests to move about without bumping into each other. Ranges with extra burners, grills, griddles and ovens are often called for, and islands that are equally adept at food preparation, everyday meals, and entertaining are part of most of this designer's kitchens.

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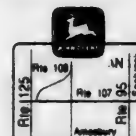


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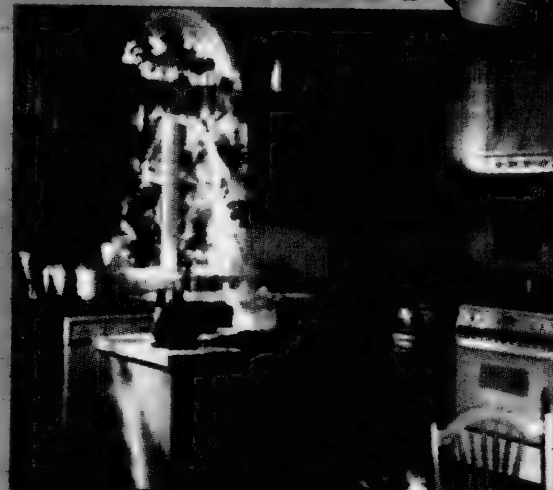
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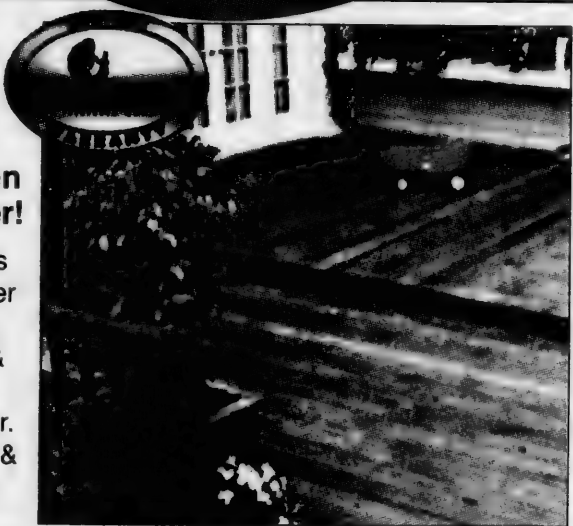
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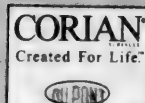
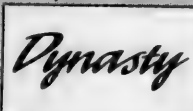
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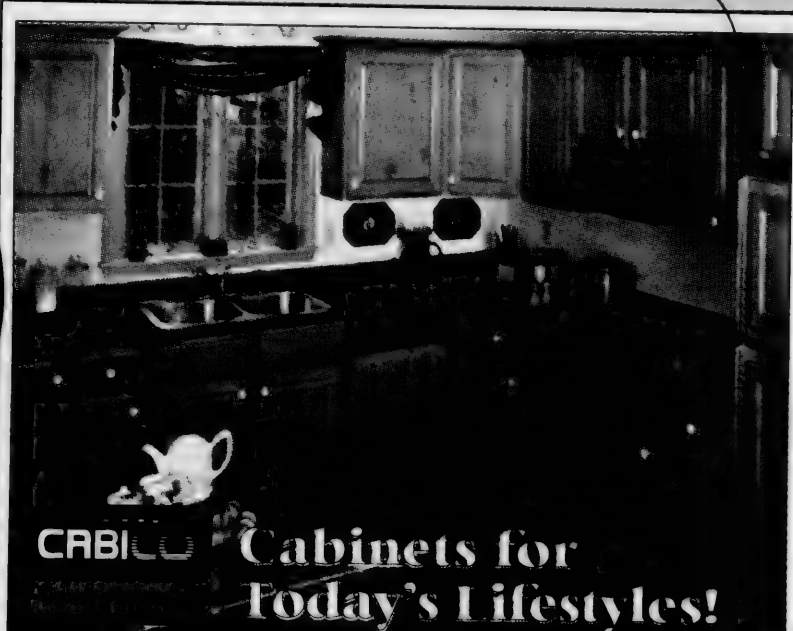
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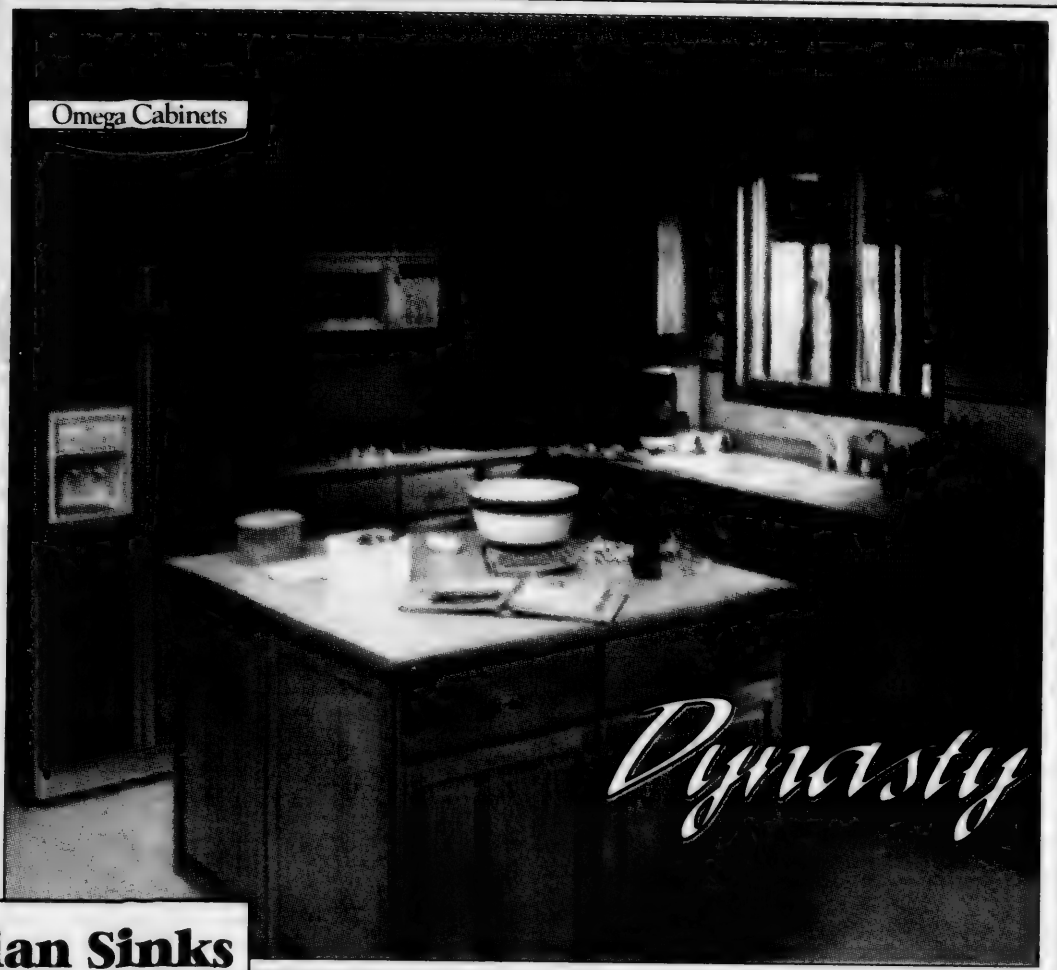
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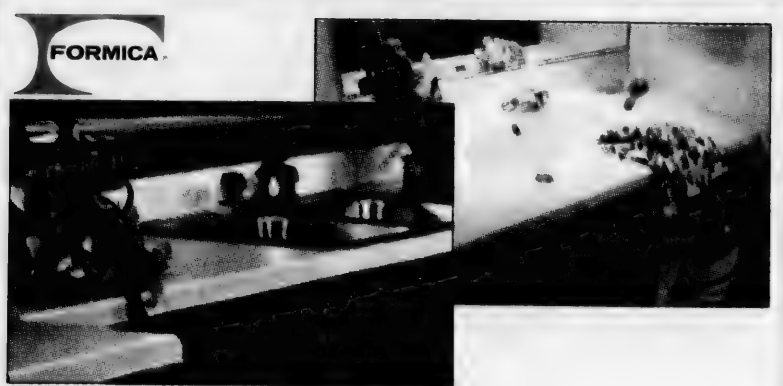
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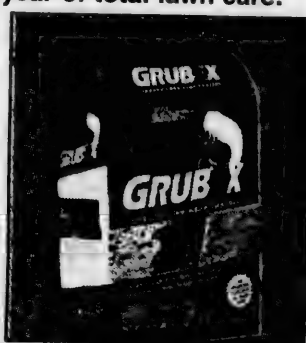
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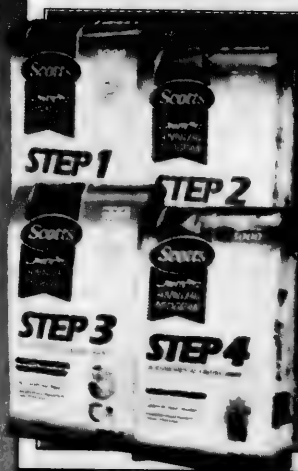
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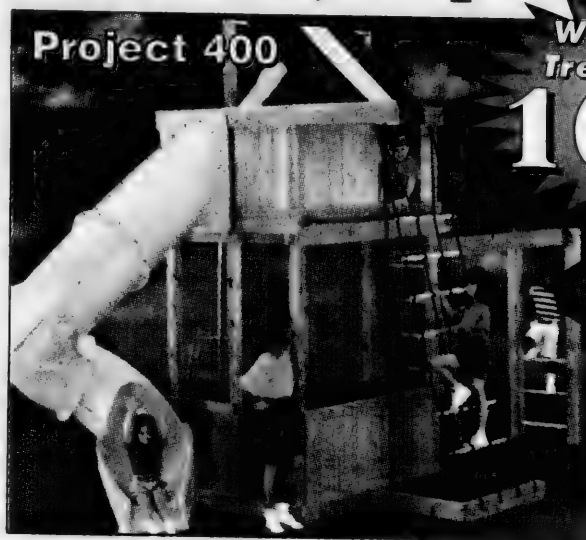


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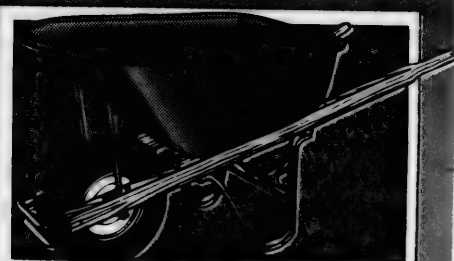
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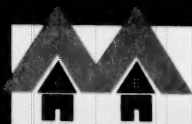
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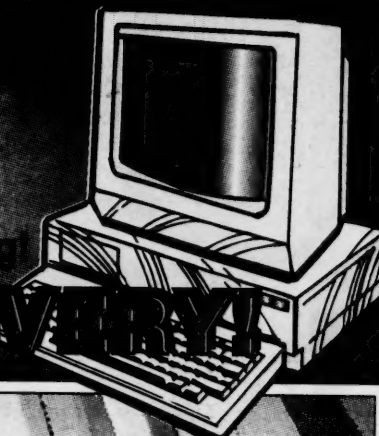
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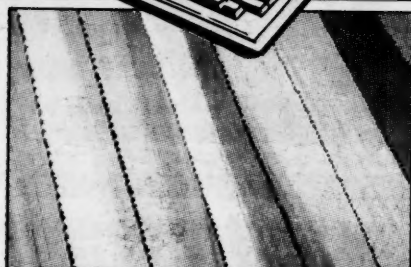
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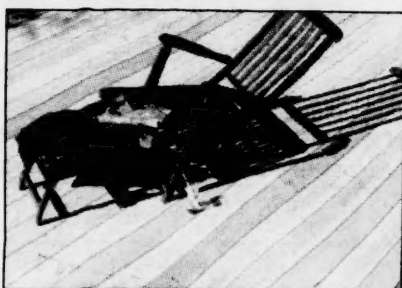


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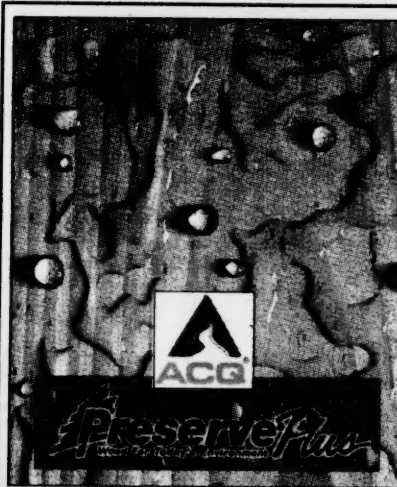


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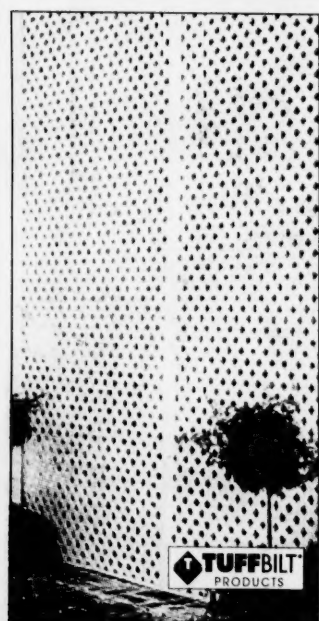
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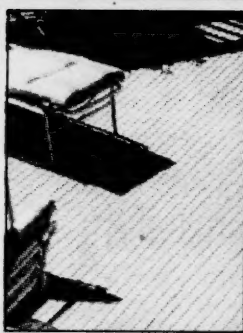
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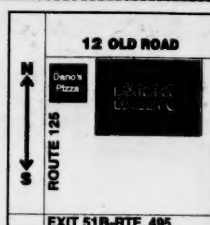
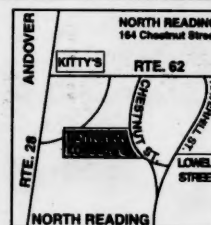
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